

Clashes in Beirut as cabinet fails to meet

BEIRUT (AP). — Warring Christian and Muslim militiamen went to firing automatic weapons to firing mortars in sporadic battles yesterday as the national coalition government cancelled its first meeting after winning a parliamentary vote of confidence. (News Analysis, page 2.)

There were no immediate casualty reports on the fighting, which began in the morning with sniper fire and developed later in the day into intermittent machine gun, rocket-propelled grenade and mortar battles.

The clashes, however, were significantly less intense than those last week during a parliamentary debate that led to a vote of confidence Tuesday formally installing the half-Christian, half-Muslim government.

On Monday, artillery battles engulfed the entire city and surrounding areas, and government radio yesterday announced a final casualty toll from the battling of 84 killed and 242 wounded.

Prime Minister Rashid Karamé was quoted by Beirut newspapers as saying the weekly session of his cabinet was cancelled for "security reasons."

He said it was difficult to reassign enough police forces who guarded the mid-city parliament during the weeklong debate to the presidential summer resort of Bikfaya, 16 kilometres northeast of Beirut, where the cabinet has been meeting.

Shi'ite leader Nabih Berri and Druse chief Walid Jumblatt told Karamé they and their cabinet colleagues need time to get over the latest violence. The Beirut newspapers expected the cabinet to hold a session on Saturday.

They also reported that Karamé would visit Damascus before the weekend for talks with Syrian officials on resolving a deadlock among the cabinet members over the rehabilitation of the Lebanese Army, which split along sectarian lines during the last civil war rounds.

The state radio reported that a four-party security committee representing the army and the main rival factions was mapping out a new plan to guard against the recurrence of random bombardments on residential neighbourhoods. It did not give details.

Four soldiers hurt by bomb in Lebanon

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — Four Israeli soldiers were wounded yesterday afternoon when a bomb exploded alongside the road on which they were travelling near the village of Bazuriya, six kilometres east of Tyre. They were taken to hospital, and IDF troops camped the area.

One of the four wounded was released from Rambam Hospital by evening. Two others were kept in with light shrapnel wounds, and one was in a surgery ward with what was described as a light to moderate wound in the abdomen.

Earlier, a man who aimed a hand-held missile at an IDF patrol in the centre of Sidon was shot to death by a South Lebanon Army soldier.

Some patrols in Sidon are conducted jointly by the IDF and the SLA. The SLA recently acquired a number of command cars to extend the scope of its operations.

SLA commander Gen. Antoine Lahad said yesterday that he has been meeting Shi'ite leaders in an effort to mobilize more villagers into the SLA. His aim is to raise the proportion of Shi'ites serving in the force to 50 per cent.

General was rebuked over confusion at bus-hijack scene

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The rebuke handed to OC Southern Command Aluf Moshe Bar-Kochba in connection with the killing of two of the bus hijackers was not for any direct responsibility in the beating to death of the two surviving terrorists after the Ashkelon-bound bus was stormed by IDF troops in April.

He was rebuked for the confusion and lack of order among the various security forces at the scene.

This was disclosed to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee yesterday by Chief of Staff Ruv-Aluf Moshe Levy.

Invited to confer with the members on the investigations of the hijacking and the blast at the IDF's Tyre headquarters last year, Levy said drawing conclusions from reports of commissions investigating such incidents "is not simple."

Recommendations by the investigating bodies embody ramifications beyond the purely legal aspects, he said.

One member of the committee — the Likud's Benny Shalit — was outspoken on this issue. He told reporters: "It could happen that soldiers would hesitate to open fire (when this is required) because of our exaggerated use of investigating commissions."

"We have become the world champions in self-flagellation," according to Shalit, the U.S. news media were so hostile towards their government's policies in south-east Asia, that they influenced the course of the Vietnam war.

"We should learn a lesson and keep newsmen away from anti-terror rescue operations," he declared. "There is a chance our (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1.)"

Knesset holds final session

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

The 10th Knesset held its last regular sitting yesterday, ending a four-week, pre-election summer session.

The speech by Speaker Menahem Savidor on the occasion was a farewell in a double sense, because the Liberal MK is not a candidate for re-election.

Savidor said that the Speaker's authority and status must be strengthened, so that he will be able to withstand pressures and to make impartial decisions.

He also urged amendment of the Knesset Members' Immunity Law to set forth MKs' obligations, side by side with their rights and privileges.

The 10th Knesset remains in office until the 11th is convened, most likely on August 13.

Until then it can be called together for a special session, either by the government or at the request of 30 members. Law Committee chairman Eliezer Kulak (Likud-Liberals) has already announced that he will initiate a special session to pass the proposed basic law on civil rights.

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A 50-strong contingent from the South Lebanon Army yesterday joins the 6,000 marchers who participated in the Hapoel Jerusalem March. Their banner reads: "Klea will march with you for ever." in Hebrew and Arabic. Klea is a village in South Lebanon. (See page 20)

More terror suspects expected to plead guilty

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two members of the alleged Jewish terrorist organization are to appear separately in court this morning. The two are expected to plead guilty to a charge of conspiracy to plant an explosive charge.

This follows a third "deal," worked out yesterday between the prosecutors and the lawyers for defendant No. 9 on the original — and still unpublished — list of 25 people presented to the Jerusalem District Court in the largest terrorist trial in the country's history. Two more such deals are still being negotiated.

The modified charge sheet against defendant No. 9 presented to the court yesterday still contains a charge relating to a terrorist organization, and if the defendant pleads guilty under the terms of the agreement, this will, for the first time, confirm the existence of such an organization.

Under the terms of the deal, the defendant will plead guilty to membership of a terrorist organization rather than to activity in its behalf. Instead of a charge of attempted murder stemming from his alleged involvement in the attempt on the lives of members of the Palestinian National Guidance Committee, he has been charged with conspiracy to plant an explosive charge. He also faces charges of conspiracy to attack the Dome of the Rock, of damaging army property and of illegally transporting and possessing weapons.

Justice Ministry officials said yesterday that the plea-bargaining was agreed to because the evidence against the accused indicated that he had not actually participated in the attempt on the West Bank mayor's lives, but only in the planning.

The three charges filed against him include his alleged membership since early 1980 in a conspiracy to sabotage the Dome of the Rock. As part of his membership of this organization, he allegedly (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

CIA and U.S. Embassy 'oppose more aid to Israel'

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

The Central Intelligence Agency and the U.S. Embassy in Israel have complained that giving more U.S. economic and military assistance to Israel "is not an effective way to persuade the Israeli government to take needed austerity measures," according to a report in yesterday's Wall Street Journal.

The report did not provide details of the reservations reportedly expressed by the CIA and the embassy. But informed U.S. officials privately agreed that similar expressions of concern have been made in the past by a host of U.S. governmental agencies and policy-makers.

The officials insisted that the reservations did not imply outright opposition to continued economic and military aid. They simply suggested that increased U.S. assistance makes it easier for Israel to avoid some of the austerity measures needed to curb its runaway inflation and other economic problems.

The pending 1985 bill in Congress includes a record 2.5 billion in combined economic and military grants. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

Guinea junta head may restore Israel ties

PARIS (AP). — Diara Traore, prime minister of the new military regime in Guinea, said yesterday that his government is considering restoring relations with Israel.

On his first visit to France since an April 3 army coup ousted the 25-year-old dictatorship of the late Ahmed Sekou Toure, Traore told reporters that the former French colony is virtually destitute and its top priority is economic recovery and restoration of "true democracy."

Asked whether Guinea intends to follow its neighbour Liberia in re-

establishing relations with Israel, Traore replied:

"We have the closest possible friendship and collaboration with (Liberian chief of state Samuel) Doe, although he has his policy and we have ours. We do not necessarily see things exactly as he sees them."

But the question of relations with Israel "is under serious consideration," he added.

Zaire and Liberia recently resumed relations with Israel after severing them in the wake of the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

Civil servants declare labour dispute Pressure mounting as wage-talks resume

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Negotiations between the Histadrut and the public-sector employers will resume this morning under the shadow of a labour dispute declared yesterday by the 60,000-member Civil Servants Union.

The civil servants declared the dispute because of what they termed the government's delaying tactics regarding the work-agreements negotiations with the Histadrut. The union's action lays the way for strike action by the bulk of public-sector workers.

The union also decided to establish an action committee to decide on appropriate steps, should an agreement not be signed by the end of the mandatory 14-day waiting period. The previous work agreements expired at the end of March.

Meanwhile, the Likud and the Alignment yesterday traded accusations regarding labour problems.

Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad accused Alignment activists of "hotting up the strikes on the eve of the elections." He said all economists, including those of the Alignment, know that the economy simply cannot afford to meet the demands being made by the various unions.

Alignment MK Gad Yarkoni denied the allegation, and said that "no economy with 500 per cent inflation can be expected to function normally." Workers are bound to react when their salaries are eroded, he said.

Histadrut trade union department chairman Haim Haberfeld said it will become clear at today's talks at Histadrut headquarters here whether the Treasury is prepared to look for a solution to the crisis facing the talks.

Haberfeld also denied that the Histadrut is "playing politics," pointing out that the Histadrut's

negotiating guidelines had been drawn up before elections were called.

Sharp differences

A wide gap still separates the wage rise proposals of the two sides. While the Histadrut has demanded a 22.5 per cent average wage increase in the public sector, the government has said that it is not prepared to offer more than 7.9 per cent. In addition, the Treasury is opposed to the Histadrut's demand for certain tax rebates for public-sector workers.

The previous meeting between the two sides last Tuesday failed to make any headway. New Treasury Director-General Nissim Baruch, who has replaced wage-director Hillel Duda'i as head of the employers' negotiating team, is expected to present new proposals today.

Today, telephone and postal services will again be disrupted and spot disruptions are expected in the ranks, on television and by Electric Corporation workers. The Histadrut Teachers Union, however, ended its strike yesterday and resumed work. (Details, Page 3.)

Histadrut sources say that if no progress becomes apparent at today's meeting, wide-spread work sanctions can be expected in the public sector next week.

Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar warned the government not to attempt to drag out the work-agreement negotiations until after the elections. Addressing moshav workers in the western Galilee, Kessar said that the Histadrut is not interested in strikes and sanctions, but that if no agreement is reached soon, the unions will begin to negotiate separate agreements with the employers.

Kessar added that the Histadrut is interested in holding continuous negotiations to conclude the agreements as soon as possible.



Hillel Duda'i

Orgad sacks negotiator for wage demand

Jerusalem Post Reporter

At the height of the crisis in Labour relations, Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad yesterday removed the Treasury's wage-and-labour agreements director Hillel Duda'i from his post.

According to Cohen-Orgad, the axing came following Duda'i's refusal to continue his role in wage negotiations with the Histadrut and private employers unless promised salary and retirement provisions equal to those received by senior officials such as the accountant-general and the budgets director. They receive the same conditions as deputy ministers.

Duda'i denied that his personal wage dispute was the source of tension between him and his superiors, the minister and newly-installed director-general Nissim Baruch. Treasury sources too admitted that in addition to monetary demands, (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

Three-day TV and radio blackout looming

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Unless television and radio journalists this week receive salary increases commensurate with those of their colleagues in the print media, television and radio will be silenced this coming Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Rafik Halaby, head of the television journalists' works committee, said Israelis can also forget about seeing the elections televised this month, and will have to rely on Jordan for Olympic Games coverage if demands for pay rises are not met. Halaby told The Jerusalem Post that he has a letter from Education Minister Zevulun Hammer acknowledging that there should be parity between electronic and print-media journalists.

The journalists works committee also wants to be represented at decision-making levels on special emoluments and work conditions. Broadcast Authority director-general Uri Porat said yesterday that he fully understands what motivates the spate of sanctions, which has been wreaking havoc with radio and television programmes.

Neither the Arabic news nor the Mabat headlines were screened last night due to sanctions by TV staffers. There will be no live children's programme today and the Good Hour will not be screened on Friday. In a last bid attempt to solve the

most crucial problems — higher salaries and fewer disruptions — deputy board chairman David Admon suggested that all television and radio staffers take extended vacation with or without pay, while the representatives of all committees meet with the board of directors and Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad to work out mutually satisfactory agreements.

Admon had only one reservation: the news must be broadcast as usual. Towards that end, he advocated taking out court orders to force essential staff back to work.

At its weekly meeting, meanwhile, the board of directors rejected all charges that Porat's decision to remove producer Nava Cohen and

moderator Ram Evron from the interview programme This is the Time had been based on politics.

In a communique issued at the close of the meeting, the board affirmed that Porat had taken a purely professional stance in the face of improper television standards.

Porat announced that a new team would be appointed to produce and host the show which would be pre-recorded to avoid errors. Porat said.

Porat made it clear that Cohen and Evron are still held in high regard, and said that other opportunities to exercise their talents will be offered to them shortly.

Cohen and Evron were removed after the interview programme pre- (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

Kimche protests Andreotti-Arafat meeting

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Foreign Ministry director-general David Kimche yesterday "vigorously protested" to Italian Ambassador Corrado Taliani about a meeting yesterday between PLO chief Yasser Arafat and Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti.

Usually such protests are made at the Foreign Ministry, but the Foreign Ministry strike yesterday prevented any entry to the Jerusalem

diplomatic office. So Kimche made the protest by telephone.

The meeting took place because Arafat was attending the funeral ceremonies of Italian Communist Party chief Enrico Berlinguer. (Story page 2)

Kimche said that such meetings "only encourage the PLO and Arafat to continue their policies, because such meetings legitimize the PLO's terror and its activist anti-peace policies."

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BRONFMAN

International Press & Books

UN chief hopes to aid Israeli PoWs in Syria

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar raised the issue of the Israeli prisoners of war while he was in Damascus recently, and plans to work with the International Red Cross on the subject when he returns to New York today.

In a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday, Perez de Cuellar said he had met with the families of the PoWs and promised that he would continue his efforts. "To be efficient in this matter," said the UN chief, "one must be discreet, but I assure you I am making every effort to help them."

Aside from the PoW issue and a promise to Prime Minister Shamir that he would seek Israeli representation in the UN secretariat, there was little substance in the UN head's visit. He discussed such matters as Lebanon, Unifil and other regional issues with Shamir and Defence Minister Arens, saying that he was leaving with "a clearer understanding" of the problems of the area. But he told The Jerusalem Post

after the press conference that he "was never tempted" to play a peacemaker role here, knowing how complicated things are.

He termed his visit to the area, which included visits to Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Israel, "a form of preventive diplomacy."

The secretary-general said that he had visited Palestinian refugee camps in Jordan and had discussed the refugee problem in all five countries he had visited. He planned to meet with UNWRA officials in New York to find ways to improve the conditions of the refugees, whom he described in terms of their "sad situation."

He went on to say in response to another question that, while his Israeli interlocutors did not raise the issue in any of his talks here, he still plans to meet PLO chief Yasser Arafat, "in Europe sometime in July."

President Chaim Herzog stated that he had the highest personal regard for Perez de Cuellar. "He's dedicated to peace and has proved it." (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

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Nahariya	20	14-24	21
Safed	20	14-24	21
Haifa Port	20	14-24	21
Tiberias	20	14-24	21
Nazareth	20	14-24	21
Netanya	20	14-24	21
Sharon	20	14-24	21
Tel Aviv	20	14-24	21
B-G Airport	20	14-24	21
Jericho	20	14-24	21
Gaza	20	14-24	21
Beersheba	20	14-24	21
Eilat	20	14-24	21

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor yesterday met at the Knesset with a group from the North American Jewish Students Network, along with members of the young leadership of the Democratic and Republican parties who are in Israel as guests of the students section of the Zionist Organization, headed by MK Dori Zigelman.

ARRIVALS

Mark Leibler, president of the Zionist Federation of Australia, to attend meetings of the Zionist General Council, the World Jewish Congress, for Jewish Education and for meetings with government and World Zionist Organization leaders and Foreign Ministry officials.

BUS HIJACK

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security personnel will hesitate to open fire or take other necessary action, fearing they will be brought before an investigating commission. No, there is absolutely no need for public apologies for our soldiers' actions.
Committee chairman Eliyahu Ben-Ellisar reportedly urged the chief of staff to act with leniency towards those found guilty in the killing of the bus hijackers, "because there were mitigating circumstances that even a court of law would have considered."

Police to take hard line on election violence

Instructions issued for a special police operation to guarantee order during the election campaign call for strict measures against persons engaging in campaign-related violence.
Deputy Commander Benny Raz, one of the co-ordinators of election-related police activities, said the police have budgeted 10,000 work-days to the campaign and election day. (Itim)

UN SECRETARY

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I'm very happy that he's secretary-general of the UN," he said.
Joshua Brillant adds:

Defence Minister Arens suggested to Perez de Cuellar that Unifil should consider moving into areas Israel would vacate in the eastern sector of Lebanon and start talking to the South Lebanese Army.
Arens made these points at his 45-minute meeting with the secretary-general.

Arens told Perez de Cuellar that the tasks assigned to Unifil, when it moved into Southern Lebanon to replace the IDF following the Litani Operation of 1978 are no longer relevant. The IDF is back there controlling the entire area up to the Awali River, he explained.
The minister told his guest Israel wants to withdraw from Lebanon, but insists on security arrangements which would prevent a terrorist return.

In order to be effective the force must end its boycott of the South Lebanese Army, Arens said. Without a working relationship with the SLA, Unifil would be unable to operate, he maintained.
Brian Urquhart, the UN undersecretary-general for special political affairs, told Arens that his attitude is always "realistic." Some sources recalled later Unifil had held informal contacts with the PLO before the Israeli invasion and speculated Urquhart may advocate some de facto contacts with the SLA.
Discussing the eastern sector Arens suggested an Israeli redeployment and a Unifil move into the vacated area. He noted that in the Golan - where Israel and Syria have an agreement - the Unifil force has succeeded.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

ELECTIONS '84

Labour officially proposes a Peres-Shamir TV debate

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Prime Minister Shamir and Labour Party chairman Peres may face each other in a televised debate during the election campaign.

The Alignment formally proposed a debate yesterday after Deputy Prime Minister David Levy said that "it was not up to the prime minister to initiate a debate," but up to the challenger to propose it. If a Labour request for a debate comes, we will give it due consideration, but we will not initiate the move.

Levy was answering questions put to him by a radio interviewer on the morning news magazine.

Bach orders Weizman to stop pirate radio ads

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Central Election Committee chairman Justice Gaviel Bach yesterday issued a temporary order prohibiting Ezer Weizman's Yahad movement from continuing its campaign advertising on Abie Nathan's Voice of Peace pirate radio station, which operates on a vessel anchored off Tel Aviv just outside Israel's territorial waters.

MK asks Arens to give details on Progressive list

Jerusalem Post Reporter

MK Geula Cohen (Tehiya) yesterday asked Defence Minister Arens to forward all information he has regarding the Progressive List for Peace to the Central Elections Committee.

Arens last week decided not to use his powers under the Emergency Regulations to rule the Jewish-Arab

Alignment Knesset faction chief Moshe Shahal, who also heads its information campaign and MK Yossi Sarid promptly sent a letter to Likud campaign manager Ronnie Milo, asking for a debate.

They said in their letter that a debate would enable both sides to present their cases to the public.

As in previous years, it is expected that the sides will appoint representatives to negotiate the rules for the debate.

Shamir's style is very different from that of the quick-witted master of polemics Menachem Begin. But some in the Likud say that while he lacks Begin's charisma, he inspires confidence, and they are not worried about pitting him against Peres.

Bach acted on complaints by the Likud, the Alignment and the Flatto-Sharon list.

According to the Central Election Committee's ruling, radio and TV electioneering may not commence before June 24.

Tomorrow, Bach is to decide whether or not to make the order permanent.

list an illegal organization.

Cohen, who has presented an official request to the election committee to have the list invalidated, said yesterday that "since the Central Elections Committee is the body authorized to decide on a Knesset list's validity, that body should have before it all the material that was made available to Arens by the Defence Ministry's legal department."

Galilee leaders agree to fight a clean campaign

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. - A regional-level agreement calling for a clean election campaign and attempting to avoid the friction between kibbutzim and development towns was signed here yesterday.

Stressing that "we will still be living together after the elections," the joint appeal to residents of Lower Galilee was initiated and signed by Yigal Bini, the National Religious Party mayor of Tiberias - a Likud stronghold in the last Knesset elections - and Ze'ev Shul, the new head of the Jordan Valley Regional Council, representing the neighbouring Alignment-affiliated settlements.

In the 1981 campaign, the most publicized attack by Likud activists against kibbutzim occurred in the

area around other development towns such as Kiryat Shmona and Beit She'an. It is hoped that the call for restraint will serve as an example elsewhere, the two said.

The joint appeal was planned before the national agreement between the two main parties signed in Jerusalem several days ago. Bibi pointed out that the aim may be more easily achieved if initiated regionally. Copies of the agreement will be posted throughout the area and discussed in local schools.

In Haifa, too, Alignment leaders want to initiate a clean-election agreement among local parties chapters. Moshe Wertzman, secretary of Haifa Labour Council and chairman of the Alignment election campaign for the region, said:

Alignment leaders due in Haifa on Monday

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. - The Alignment is to open its campaign in the Haifa region next Monday, with party leaders Shimon Peres, Yitzhak Navon, Yitzhak Rabin and Victor Shemtov making speeches in the area.

Late on Monday there will be a mass rally at the Labour Party's headquarters in Haifa. Moshe Wertzman, secretary of Haifa Labour Council said yesterday.

The party plans to stage at least 31

rallies, 13 of them in Haifa, between the start of the campaign and election day. It also plans to hold 88 smaller meetings and 320 parlour meetings. The party intends to canvass at least 75 per cent of the 306,000 voters in the Haifa region.

Wertzman declined to say how much money is being allocated for the regional election campaign, but reporters were told that because of budgetary difficulties the bulk of the canvassing work would be done by some 10,000 volunteers.

ISRAEL FESTIVAL '84

Kemp's Puck would have pleased the Bard

By DORA SOWDEN
Post Dance Critic

There were moments in the Jerusalem Theatre last night when Lindsay Kemp's *Midsummer Night's Dream* looked like Shakespeare's nightmare, but there was always enchantment in the air.

There was nudity in this Shakespearean parody, but there was also veneration of the

Shakespearean idea. Among all the wonders was Kemp himself, a descendant of Shakespeare's clown, who appeared as Puck and was the kind of Puck that Shakespeare himself might have imagined.

To select any character, any one dancer, or one mime in all the magical concoction would be unfair. The thing was to wonder, to marvel and to enjoy.

Performance cancelled

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Lindsay Kemp Company's Haifa performances of *Midsummer Night's Dream* scheduled for Monday June 18, have been cancelled for technical reasons, the Israel Festival spokeswoman said yesterday.

Woman who killed son gets one-year sentence

HAIFA (Itim). - Lili Sharon, a 31-year-old Haifa social worker who was convicted of drowning her 4-year-old son in the bathtub of her Carmel home, was sentenced yesterday to 51 weeks imprisonment.

However, the Haifa District Court ruled that the time Sharon spent in the Tirat Carmel mental hospital

since the killing of her son a year ago would be accounted as time served. Sharon was therefore released immediately after sentence was passed. The sentence was the result of plea-bargaining between the defence and the prosecution.

Both sides agreed that Sharon was severely mentally ill when she killed her son.

Levinson family lashes new book about banker

Jerusalem Post Staff

The family of the late Ya'acov Levinson yesterday reacted angrily to charges against the former Bank Hapoalim chief in a new book by journalist Yair Kotler.

The family's statement said that the book's assertions about Levinson, who committed suicide in February, were made by the "same gang which drove him to his death and was now trying to clean its hands of the crime."

In his book *Not for Publication*, published on Tuesday, Kotler maintains that Levinson helped the Herut

Tel Hai fund by authorizing Bank Hapoalim to buy the Ozar Amami bank at four times its real value. He was also involved in a loan fund in which the late Simcha Ehrlich was active, asserts Kotler. Because of this, Ehrlich did not act on evidence that Levinson planned to transfer money from Bank Hapoalim to its Ampal office in the U.S.

Kotler also claims that Levinson donated ILI million to the Liberal Party and another ILI.m. to the National Religious Party. On one occasion, says Kotler, Levinson gave \$5,000 to Peace Now; but he refused to give money to the Alignment.

NEWS ANALYSIS/David Bernstein

Karamneh balks at tackling the tough issues

The failure of Lebanese Prime Minister Rashid Karamneh's cabinet to hold its weekly meeting yesterday, barely 24 hours after winning a vote of confidence in parliament, has focused attention on the grave difficulties now facing the government.

Karamneh's official reason for cancelling the session - the difficulty in reassigning enough police to safeguard the meeting - borders on the absurd. Having proved equal to the task of safeguarding parliament during the week of savage fighting that preceded Tuesday's confidence vote, there can be little doubt that the police are well able to provide the security needed for Karamneh and his cabinet.

The reason given by Druse leader Walid Jumblatt and his Shi'ite ally Nabih Berri for pressing for

the postponement - that they and their cabinet colleagues required "time" to get over the latest violence - is barely more elucidating.

The real reason, it would seem, is that Karamneh and his colleagues are simply not ready to come to grips with the pressing and volatile issues standing in the way of any meaningful reconciliation in Lebanon.

The first of these, as Jumblatt and Berri hinted, is the rebuilding of the Lebanese Army on non-sectarian lines, and the circumscription, if not actual disbanding, of the various militias.

Neither of the two latter goals is anywhere in sight, and any attempt to come to deal with them at the moment could prove explosive. As one observer in Beirut has noted, the warlords who now make up Karamneh's government "have

brought the Christian-Moslem conflict into the heart of government." Any attempt to come to grips with the two most pressing aspects of that conflict could tear the cabinet apart - to say nothing of plunging the country into a new round of fighting as the Christians in particular resist any attempt to clamp down on their Lebanese Forces militia and to loosen their almost exclusive hold on the higher echelons of the army.

So "time" is indeed what Karamneh needs now, that, and possibly assurances of support from his Syrian masters if he finally decides to take the security bull by the horns.

That could well explain the reports in the Beirut press yesterday that Karamneh is expected to visit Damascus before his cabinet next convenes, according to some seemingly optimistic sources, as early as this weekend.



Jerusalem youngsters examine wares at yesterday's opening of Hebrew Book Week in Liberty Bell Park. (Rahamim Israeli)

TERROR SUSPECTS

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ducted surveillance and reconnaissance missions in the area of the Temple Mount. In addition, this first charge relates to the theft of explosives from an army weapons system on the Golan in the winter of 1982.

The second charge refers to alleged surveillance of the West Bank mayors and their cars during 1980. He was to have participated in this attack, but in the end remained at his home on the Golan Heights.

The final charge involves the transport of 30 mines from Moshav Keshet to Moshav Nov on the Golan Heights in April this year. The first person to conclude a deal with the prosecution, Noam Yinnon, was sentenced last week to eighteen months in prison after pleading guilty to having participated in the mine transport.

The other defendant due in court this morning is No. 17, who is expected to plead guilty to charges of conspiracy to commit a crime and the illegal possession of weapons parts. In addition, he faces a charge of aggravated fraud. This arises from the alleged purchase of eight silencers for Uzi submachine guns from a factory, after the accused allegedly presented himself as an army officer acting on behalf of the IDF.

In a separate but related case, two army officers yesterday pleaded not guilty to charges of aiding those alleged to have planned and carried out the attack on the West Bank mayors.

Rav Seren (Maj.) Shlomo Liviatan, 34, of the West Bank settlement of Shilo and Seren (Capt.) Aharon "Ronny" Gila, 35, of Jerusalem, were both attached to the West Bank civil administration and military government at the time.

TV, RADIO BLACKOUT

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sent one side of a divorce case without airing the views of the other side or of the rabbinical courts.

Televised electioneering by the various parties is due to commence on June 24. If management and staffers persist in digging in their heels, it is highly feasible that television screens will be blacked out on that date.

The Jerusalem Communications Centre, which won the tender for coordinating all the film footage from the hustings, has the equipment, in the event of a strike by television technicians, to beam political propaganda to every screen in

the country, providing it gets the green light and cooperation from the Communications Ministry, the firm said yesterday. Danny Arazi, co-director of JCC, said that there was very little likelihood of such a thing happening. Under such circumstances, he observed, Communications Ministry technicians would strike in solidarity with TV technicians.

Asked for his reaction, Halaby blazed: "If anyone tries to break our organized strike action, we'll go for them with a tank."

According to Halaby, Educational Television will also close if journalists' demands are ignored indefinitely.

DUDAI SACKED

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Duda'i was asking for exclusive powers to conduct the wage negotiations with Cohen-Orad's full backing.

Duda'i was sacked shortly after a farewell ceremony for outgoing director-general Emanuel Sharon, who had refused to carry on with what he saw as the government's "election economics." Ministerial adviser Mordechai Frankel also quit this week for the same reasons, returning to his job as Bank of Israel research director and continuing to handle only matters he had already undertaken at the Treasury.

Treasury sources yesterday expressed their belief that the wave of resignations and firings has ended. Responsibility for the wage negotiations has now been assumed by Baruch.

Concerning the Duda'i affair, Treasury sources say that he presented Baruch on Monday with a document in which former Finance

Ministry director-general Ezra Sadan had promised him the equivalent of a deputy minister's salary.

On Tuesday, Duda'i then refused to attend a negotiating session in Tel Aviv unless he were promised better conditions himself. All of Cohen-Orad's and Baruch's entreaties concerning the labour crisis and the personnel changes at the ministry were of no avail, and the new director-general had to face the session on his own.

The official Treasury announcement said that Duda'i's refusal to attend the session unless granted higher pay was the reason for his dismissal.

It added that Duda'i's refusal came after he was warned of the gravity of such a move and of the damage it would cause. The wage director's demand was an ultimatum to the minister and director-general, it said, at a time when the economy is booming.

Israel is first in world in reading and publishing

A Unesco survey shows that Israelis read and publish more books per capita than any other people in the world. David Ronen, assistant director of the Education Ministry's Culture and Art Department,

announced yesterday. Ronen said that over a million Israelis, from age 14 and up, read at least one book a month, and 90 per cent of 9 to 13-year-olds read a book a month.

Hundred of thousands at Berlinguer funeral

ROME (AP). - Hundreds of thousands of Italians, waving red banners and holding up clenched fists, turned out yesterday for the funeral of Italian Communist Party leader Enrico Berlinguer.

Newspapers estimated that as many as a million people might pay their last respects to Berlinguer who was undisputed leader of the West's largest Communist party since 1972 and a member of the Italian Chamber of Deputies since 1968.

President Sandro Pertini and Pre-

mier Bettino Craxi attended the funeral along with international dignitaries including Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang, Mikhail Gorbachev, thought to be No. 2 man in the Kremlin, and Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat. As a band played a Chopin funeral march and the workers' anthem Internationale, the huge crowd jamming the narrow streets of downtown Rome held up photos of Berlinguer, who died Monday at 62 after a stroke.

Israel invited to British Army show again

LONDON (AP). - Israel said yesterday it has been invited to attend a British Army exhibition for the first time since the 1982 Lebanon invasion, when the annual invitation was withdrawn.

The move was seen as a possible sign of an improvement in British-Israeli defence ties, which have been virtually frozen since the invasion.

when Britain imposed an embargo on arms sales.

The Defence Ministry declined to deny or confirm that Israel had been invited to this year's exhibition at Aldershot, south of London. But a spokeswoman for Israel's defence attaché Yigal Lotan, said: "We have been invited and we will be attending."

Seven executed for plotting coup

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP). - Seven conspirators convicted of plotting to overthrow the socialist regime of President Thomas Sankara were executed early on Tuesday, Radio Ouagadougou reported in a broadcast monitored here.

The seven men - mostly army officers - were sentenced to death by a military court which found them guilty of a May 28 coup attempt, the broadcast said.

Those executed included Colonel Fidiel Nouboua Tiendréogo, former mayor of the capital, Ouagadougou, and two army lieutenants.

Three new magistrates

The Judges Selection Committee has recommended three new magistrates court judges to President Herzog.

Advocate David Heshin is to serve in Jerusalem, Dan Arbel in Tel Aviv and Zvi Segal in Beersheba. (Itim)

BOYCOTT. - Kuwait's office for the boycott of Israel yesterday announced a ban on all dealings with two Indian firms manufacturing and trading in medicines because it said they did business with Israel, the Kuwaiti news agency Kuna reported.

British ambassador to be replaced soon

Jerusalem Post Correspondent LONDON. - Patrick Moberly will end his term as British ambassador to Israel next month, after three years. His successor, scheduled to take up the post in September, is Clifford William Squire who served with the British army in Palestine between 1947 and 1949. At present, Squire is an assistant undersecretary of state in the Africa department of the Foreign Office. His wife, also a diplomat, works in the office of Falkland Islands department.

Moberly will be taking up another appointment, but no details have been announced.

Safad pupil expelled for revealing attire

SAFAD (Itim). - A pupil from a comprehensive high school here has been expelled after appearing in revealing attire while competing for the title of "Miss Safad."

The girl's mother yesterday burst into her daughter's 10th-grade class, which was doing a matriculation exam, and scattered the papers on the floor. She demanded that her expelled daughter be permitted to return to school and take the exam.

CIA, U.S. EMBASSY

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The *Journal* made its disclosure about the CIA and the U.S. Embassy in a lengthy front-page article describing the various off-set arrangements foreign purchasers of U.S. military equipment have demanded over recent years. Although often financing the sales with U.S. governmental loans and grants, the foreign countries have still demanded that a certain percentage of the work be co-produced as a spur to their economies.

These arrangements have come under increasing criticism in Congress and elsewhere in Washington. Israel over the years has been a pioneer in winning such lucrative deals, although Israel's demand last year for an across-the-board 40 per cent off-set arrangement was reduced to 15 per cent.

Defence Minister Moshe Arens reviewed the entire subject in detail with Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger earlier this month in Washington.

The newspaper noted that Egypt and Turkey, have demanded similar arrangements. Egypt in particular is having increasing difficulty paying its debts, it added. Over the past six months, Egypt could not meet two specific payments of schedule.

"Right behind Egypt, in terms of problem clients, is Israel, a nation with triple-digit inflation whose annual repayments will jump from \$945m. now to \$1.15b. in 1993," the newspaper said.

The Pentagon, it added, is becoming increasingly concerned with other demands made by "the country considered to be its toughest customer - Israel."

"Throughout the history of the arms-sales programme, *The Journal* said, 'Israel - with the help of its powerful lobby in Congress - has always managed to work out special deals though they never seem to remain confined to Israel for very long... a number of government agencies are concerned about the effects of Israeli-inspired easy credit for arms purchases.'

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IN THE KNESSET/Aryeh Rubinstein

Labour votes kill 'Abuhatzzeira Bill'

Alignment votes yesterday defeated the so-called "Abuhatzzeira Bill" that would have barred a person convicted of a reprehensible crime from serving in the cabinet for five years.

Shevah Weiss (Alignment) charged the sponsor of the bill, Mordechai Virshupski (Shinui) with "false piety" and a passion for preaching. Aharon Abuhatzzeira had said for his crime and it was wrong to persecute him, Weiss said, adding that Abuhatzzeira should be given a chance to turn over a new leaf.

After serving a three-month sentence at the end of last year for misappropriating money from a charity fund he administered, Abuhatzzeira returned to the Knesset but not to the cabinet.

The question became a political one because the votes of Tami, the party headed by Abuhatzzeira, may be crucial to whichever party forms the next government.

The bill was approved by the plenum on its preliminary reading three weeks ago, and by the Law Committee on Tuesday. But yesterday it was defeated in the plenum, 17-13.

Both the Alignment and the Likud were divided on the bill, but there were only half a dozen Likud members present. At least three of whom voted for the bill - Justice Minister Moshe Nissim, Akiva Nof and Ariel Weinstein.

The Alignment was better represented, and here the supporters of the bill were in the minority (Yossi Sarid, Haim Ramon, Elazar Granot and Dov Zakai).

At least eight Alignment members voted against the bill, including Shimon Peres, Abba Eban, Haim Bar-Lev and Weiss. They were joined by

two of Tami's three MKs. Abuhatzzeira was present but did not vote.

Free pre-kindergarten
Free, compulsory education will begin at the age of three instead of age five, under a bill the Knesset passed into law yesterday.

The law, initiated by Michael Bar-Zohar (Alignment), will go into effect over a six-year period beginning in September 1985.

A Treasury official told the Education Committee two weeks ago that the bill would cost the state IS167 billion a year for the operating budget alone.

Committee chairman Ora Namir told the Knesset that 96 per cent of Jewish 3 and 4-year-olds are already in some educational framework, but only 12 per cent of Arab children.

A minority amendment by Pinhas Goldstein (Likud-Liberals) to eliminate the compulsory element from the bill was defeated 20-16. Goldstein noted that educators had told the committee that it was inadvisable to make pre-kindergarten compulsory.

Shinui's abstention on the bill was explained by Amnon Rubinstein as being mainly because of its cost. When other activities of the Education Ministry are being curtailed, it does not make sense to impose a new financial burden on the Treasury, Rubinstein said, and parents who can afford kindergarten fees should pay them from their own pockets.

Criminal liability
The Knesset yesterday reduced the age of criminal responsibility from 13 to 12. But children of 12 may not be brought to trial without prior consultation with a probation officer.

In 1977 the Knesset set the age of criminal responsibility at nine, with the proviso that with respect to children under 12 the prosecution would have to prove that when a child committed the crime he understood what he was doing.

A year later the Knesset adopted an amendment, which raised the age of criminal responsibility to 13.

A year ago, a group of MKs initiated a bill to lower the age to 11, while restoring the original burden-of-proof proviso for 11 and 12-year-olds.

Shoshana Arbely (Alignment), presenting the bill, explained that the welfare officers who were supposed to have rehabilitated the young delinquents who had been spared judicial punishment proved unable to cope with the task.

But the Law Committee decided to reduce the age not to 11, but to 12.

Also ran
Among the other bills that passed their second and third readings yesterday were:

A bill presented by Yair Tshaban (Alignment-Mapam) restricting use of hypnosis to doctors, dentists and psychologists who are listed in the register of hypnotists.

A bill enabling holders of 1971 Defence Loan certificates to salvage some of the linkage they would otherwise lose by holding onto their certificates for 4½ years beyond the original maturity date.

A bill extending *sub judice* rule in criminal cases, so that it goes into effect from the time the suspect is brought before a judge for extension of his detention. At present *sub judice* applies only from the time a charge sheet is submitted.

Cornerstone laid for Maimonides Institute

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The first wing of the Maimonides (Rambam) Research Institute on Mt. Carmel will be ready for next year's 850th anniversary of the birth of the great Jewish scholar. The cornerstone for the \$3 million institute was laid yesterday afternoon in the presence of guests from Israel and abroad.

The medieval scholar of Tora, medicine and philosophy is reportedly enjoying a revival among Jewish and gentile scholars, and is said by his admirers to be "quite pertinent to our age."

Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik of Boston is the honorary president of the institute, founded 12 years ago by the late Rabbi David Assaf. It is currently housed in a rented flat.

The guest of honour at the ceremony, Rabbi Avraham Hecht, president of the Rabbinical Alliance of

America and head of the 7,000-strong Syrian Sephardi community Sha'ar Zion of Brooklyn, noted that Sephardim study the Rambam "on a regular basis as Ashkenazim study the gemara." His community will be an enthusiastic contributor to the institute, he promised.

Sited on the slopes of Mt. Carmel near Ahuz, on a two-dunam plot made available by the city, the institute is to become a centre of research and publication of Maimonides' writings, including some so far unpublished manuscripts.

Hecht said his community "loves Israel: We visit it, spend money here and give it all the political and financial support we can, but there is not even a kernel of emigration-minded members. We are Americans first and there is nothing here to take us away from our yachts, two cars and love for America, until the messiah comes," he said.

He added "I can't preach aliyah because I don't intend to make it myself. My roots are in America, and I don't preach what I don't practice." But he believes that "we live in the messianic era," and notes that Maimonides was one of the few great Jewish scholars who wrote about the messianic future.

"I am upset about the anti-religious feelings in Israel. We support the Likud, not Agudat Yisrael and love Arik Sharon, who is the kind of tough-guy hero Americans identify with. When the messiah comes, I have no doubt that the \$7m. community centre we've just built in Brooklyn will be transferred to Israel, together with our members," the rabbi said.

Hecht, of Ashkenazi background, became rabbi of the Syrian congregation 38 years ago, when no Sephardi rabbi was available in New York.

Jerusalem rabbi accused of sodomy released on bail

A Jerusalem rabbi, remanded on Sunday for 48 hours on suspicion of raping and sodomizing his wife, was released yesterday on bail by the local magistrate's court.

The prosecution said it had no objection to his release, but asked that the man not be allowed to live at home. The court released him, setting bail at \$100,000, forbidding him to live at home, to talk to members of his family, or to go within 100 metres of his wife.

The suspect will be allowed to collect his personal belongings from his home. The defence counsel objected to the prosecution on the grounds that the alleged offences occurred several years ago. The couple are in the midst of divorce proceedings.

In Beersheba, a 22-year-old moshav member was sentenced in the district court to three years in prison and two years suspended for raping an 18-year-old girl from his village.

Ya'acov Savid claimed that he had sexual relations with the girl at her initiative. The court found him guilty of committing forcible sodomy with her and then threatening to expose her if she told anybody. (Itim)

The Bora Swedish Choir Concert, Lutheran Church, Old City, June 14, 1984, at 8 p.m.
Swedish Folklore Concert, YCA, East Jerusalem, June 17, 7 p.m.
Jerusalem Khan, June 17, 9 p.m.

Winning lottery tickets

TEL AVIV. — A three-room flat in Beersheba was won yesterday by the holder of ticket No. 1780005 in the Soldiers Welfare lottery. Holders of Nos. 1762497, 1279928 and 0974720 won cars, and nos. 0590047, 1755672, 0708299, 1179397, 0868441, 1462594 and 1571810 El Al tickets to various destinations.

The draw was supervised by a public committee headed by retired district judge Max Kennet.

Winners should contact the Soldiers Welfare Association at 8 Rehov Ha'arba'a, Tel Aviv, phone (03) 262291.

Dog show on Mt. Carmel

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — A demonstration of canine skills in protection and rescue operation is to be held at the Rothschild Community Centre on Mt. Carmel at 4:30 on Saturday afternoon.

The dogs will be put through their paces in various exercises, including acrobatics.

Entrance is free. Visitors are requested not to bring their own pets. The show is organized by dog lovers' associations.

CORRECTION

The lawyer appointed to represent the interests of the former mayors of Ramallah and Al-Bireh in the case of the alleged Jewish terrorists, some of whom are accused of the attempted assassination of the mayors, is advocate Darwish Nasser of Jerusalem, and not as reported yesterday.

Police seek owner of delinquent donkeys

BEERSHEBA (Itim). — Peanuts and donkeys were the subjects of an unusual court hearing at magistrates court here yesterday.

Police obtained permission to sell 20 donkeys which they had been holding in custody since last week, when a farmer caught them allegedly munching greens in his peanut field near Ofakim. Police are still seeking the animals' owner.

Farmer David Nahum called police, who took the animals to Beersheba, but the costs of caring for them while waiting for someone to claim them began to mount.

Judge Yehoshua Pipel ordered the caretakers' costs to be paid out of the sale revenue, and the rest is to be deposited in a dollar-linked account in trust for the owner.

Jerusalem man arrested in flag-burning case

Jerusalem police yesterday arrested a 23-year-old ultra-Orthodox man suspected of burning Israeli flags in a Lag B'omer bonfire last month.

Police intelligence had led to the arrest of the man, a resident of Mea She'arim. Police arrested another suspect in the case two weeks ago, but quickly released him for lack of evidence. (Itim)

ANTI-DRUGS. — The Education Ministry and Bar-Ilan University will mount a joint campaign next year to train teachers in combating drug abuse by pupils.



The Jerusalem fire department's latest acquisition makes its way down a stairway in the Old City yesterday. Designed by local engineers to navigate the narrow and steep alleys within the walls, the IS12 million vehicle was built in Germany and features four-wheel turning ability. (Elad Harati)

Mengele often visits U.S., according to Nazi-hunter

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Nazi war-crime hunter Josef Mengele is not living in the jungles of Paraguay, as often assumed. This was said yesterday by Tuvia Friedman, head of Haifa's Nazi War Crime Documentation Centre, who asserted that the infamous "angel of death" frequently visits the U.S., where "he has assets worth millions of dollars."

Friedman told a news conference that Mengele, who selected arriving prisoners to Auschwitz for life or death, is 73-years-old, and that it is unlikely he will ever be brought to trial if efforts are not made soon to capture him.

He said that a Miami attorney had laid a trap for Mengele at the local airport in July 1979, but that the war criminal had apparently been tipped off and did not appear.

Friedman maintained that a combined effort by Israel, West Germany and the U.S. could bring about his capture. Friedman called on the Bonn government to declare a prize of DM1 million (\$80m.) for Mengele's capture.

Hefetz trial to begin for third time today
PETAH TIKVA (Itim). — The trial of Assistant Commander Assaf Hefetz will begin for the third time in the police disciplinary court here today before a panel of three police officers, after being delayed twice by disqualification of members of the panel.

Hefetz is charged with leaking information to the press about alleged police mistakes in handling intelligence regarding the attempted attack on Temple Mount Moslem shrines by the so-called Lifa gang.

ROAD. — The 15-kilometre Mitzpe Ramon-Ramat Matrad road in the Negev has been completed and has been opened for traffic.

Budget cuts plague new HU laboratory

Jerusalem Post Reporter
A new Hebrew University research laboratory may be in financial difficulties only a few weeks after starting to operate. The Ernest Alexander Research Laboratory on the university's Givat Ram campus studies the structure of materials.

Budget cuts may make it impossible for the laboratory to continue operating. The laboratory is headed by Professor Yitzhak Yakoby. It is one of about two dozen similar facilities in the world. It does the preliminary work needed before presenting materials for analysis by a synchrotron, a matter measuring device, a small number of which are found abroad.

Religious doves vs. religious 'underground'
By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The arrest and trial of the alleged Jewish terrorists has served as a long-awaited and much-needed shot in the arm for the moderate religious camp.

At a protest rally organized by the dovish Oz Veshalom and Netivot Shalom movements in Jerusalem on Tuesday evening well over 1,000 people, whose knitted skullcaps and beards would otherwise have suggested Gush Emunim supporters, heard that movement castigated for its fundamentalism and "abandonment of true Judaism."

But at the very same time, in one of the crucibles of the Gush's ideology and one of the symbols of its struggle — the Machpela Cave in the heart of Hebron — the Gush heard a rabbi bless one of the alleged terrorists who was allowed out of prison to attend his sister's wedding.

The defendant who was allowed to attend is a close relative of Rabbi Eliezer Waldman, the head of the Hebron yeshiva. His presence inside the ancient cave accompanied by policemen transformed a wedding there, in itself a political statement, into an emotive rally in support of the alleged terrorists now awaiting trial before the Jerusalem District Court.

The wedding was conducted by Rabbi Yisrael

Ariel, who told the guests, all residents of the territories and many supporters of Gush Emunim, that all of the Land of Israel belongs to the Jewish people by virtue of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs who are believed to be buried in the cave (which is also a mosque revered by Moslems). According to tradition Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca and Leah are buried there.

In the auditorium of Jerusalem's Beit Agron Prof. Ephraim Urbach, Dean of the Israel Academy of Sciences and a renowned Jewish thinker, denounced Gush Emunim in a rally held under the slogan: "How has a 'Jewish' underground developed?"

Urbach traced the origins of what he called Gush Emunim's chauvinism to an attitude which saw in the Arab refusal to recognize and make peace with Israel a hidden blessing. This attitude was expressed even before the 1967 war, but it was that war which gave it the impetus which led to the growth of Gush Emunim, he said.

Rabbis Aharon Lichtenstein and Shlomo Riskin, both yeshiva heads in Gush Etzion in the West Bank suggested that the alleged terrorists and Gush Emunim were possibly a "perversion" and emphasized the need for moderation and balance.

Riskin drew applause when he said that perhaps one of the holiest of objectives is the search for

Teachers end strike, hail pact as victory

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Pupils whose teachers belong to the Histadrut Teachers Union returned to their classrooms yesterday after the union and the Education Ministry reached an agreement at 4 a.m. yesterday ending a one-day strike.

Union secretary-elect Yitzhak Wellber sees the agreement as a great union victory. First through sixth-graders will receive the same number of hours of instruction next year as this year, and seventh- and eighth-grade classes in eighth-year elementary schools will receive additional hours to bring them up to par with junior high schools.

Direct instruction hours in special education also will not be cut, but 10th- and 11th-grade technology classes in tracks not leading to matriculation will lose one hour of workshop instruction a week, provided the total number of hours spent in the workshop does not fall below seven. In 12th grade the number of workshop hours will remain unchanged.

Since 3 per cent of instruction hours still have to be cut to meet the budget, a committee of union and ministry representatives will meet today to decide what can be sacrificed.

Grupper plans to aid turkey-farmers
By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Agriculture Minister Pessah Grupper and ministry officials are putting together a new programme to assist financially-troubled turkey farmers.

Under the terms of the programme, the government will buy up unsold stocks of turkey meat at present in cold storage and sell it to the public at reduced prices.

Inflation and overproduction have led to a stockpile of turkey meat, causing losses to farmers of over \$20 million.

Pregnant 16-year-old may marry, court rules

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A girl two months short of her 17th birthday and four months pregnant won permission to marry yesterday. The district court overruled the state's objections to the prospective groom's "not positive" character.

It is not the court's job to find a woman the prince of her dreams, said Judge Haim Porat, in granting the girl's request. She had explained that while she would be free to marry upon turning 17, she wanted to spare her family the embarrassment of

holding the ceremony when the pregnancy could no longer be concealed.

The couple had been together for three years. Porat added, the girl's parents no longer objected and the man has completed army service and holds a job.

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India may execute ringleaders in Sikh mutiny

NEW DELHI. — The Indian Defence Ministry said yesterday that the Sikh mutiny in the army had been crushed following three days of sporadic revolts following the battle at Amritsar's Golden Temple, the Sikhs' holiest shrine.

A ministry spokesman said that all deserters had been captured or had surrendered to security forces, and that no violent incidents related to the temple attack had been reported in the last 24 hours.

Official sources said about 2,000 army deserters had been detained, but the spokesman would not comment on this figure.

The spokesman said the ringleaders would be sternly punished, and did not rule out possible execution. But others, who had been "misled," would be "dealt with with the utmost sympathy and understanding."

Lieut. Gen. T. S. Oberoi, chief of

the southern command, told a news conference in Bombay on Tuesday night the army took a very serious view of the mutiny.

Hundreds of Sikhs demonstrated in Bombay yesterday to protest the assault on the temple.

Shouting slogans against Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and President Zail Singh, about 4,000 Sikhs gathered in and around a major Sikh temple in central Bombay.

Police dispersed the protesters with clubs, but no other violence was reported.

A doctor and a police official said yesterday in Amritsar that several of the more than 1,000 Sikh militants killed last week were shot at point-blank range by army troops who first tied their hands behind their backs.

"Two of the Sikhs whose post-mortem examination I conducted had their hands tied at the back,"

said the doctor, a Sikh who works in a government hospital.

"Some of my other colleagues conducting post-mortems also came across young Sikhs who had been shot this way," said the doctor.

The doctor said many women and children were among the victims, and described the killing at the temple as a "virtual massacre."

An Amritsar deputy police superintendent who helped remove the bodies of Sikh extremists leader Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale and some 200 other slain militants from the Golden Temple, also reported that at least 13 Sikhs were tied and shot by soldiers. The superintendent also requested anonymity.

The sources said the militants' turbans had been removed and their hands tied with the turban cloth. Each of them had been killed with a

single shot fired at their foreheads, they added.

The Indian news media said that Bhindranwale was killed by fellow Sikhs in the temple, but a government spokesman said the reports were not based on official information.

The *Hindustan Times* and the Press Trust of India news agency carried identical articles quoting eye-witnesses as saying Bhindranwale was killed either by three extremists he had refused to accept into his ranks or by his own lieutenants.

The Akali Dal, the Sikhs' main party, has been campaigning for nearly two years for political and religious concessions. Party president Harchand Singh Longowal was led by troops out of the Golden Temple grounds as last week's assault began. (AP, Reuters).

'Grim' situation in Iraq's Basra region despite cease-fire

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP). — The UN-brokered accord between Iraq and Iran to halt attacks on civilians appeared to be holding yesterday, as foreign ministers of Arabian Gulf states deliberated secretly on ways to move oil supplies through the region.

As the limited cease-fire went into its second day, Arab diplomatic sources noted hopefully that neither Iran nor Iraq had issued their usual warlike denunciations of each other. But the diplomats conceded that the military situation in the southern Iraqi Basra region remained grim.

Iran, they said, has massed an estimated 400,000 regulars and volunteers for a major offensive into Basra, with the Iraqi leadership vowing to "repulse the imminent aggression."

Marine shipping sources in Bahrain, Dubai and Kuwait said that oil tankers of different nationalities have been docking at Kharg Island and lifting Iranian oil without incident.

Iraq last February clamped a sea and air blockade on Kharg, and Iran responded by attacking several vessels in neutral Arab waters.

The raids precipitated complaints to the Arab League and the UN Security Council by member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council, whose ministers met yesterday in Taif.

GCC Secretary-General Abdullah Bishara said the ministers listened to a report by the head of the military committee, which reportedly proposes a sea corridor close to GCC coastlines, with air cover, naval escort and coastal artillery protection for oil tankers.

In Cairo, Acting Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said Egypt does not see any "pressing need" now for foreign military intervention in the 45-month-old Gulf war.

In an interview with the state-owned weekly magazine *Akher Sa'a* published yesterday, Ali said the present balance of military strength

and economic losses between Iran and Iraq can help the chances of a peaceful settlement.

Egypt has been aiding Iraq with arms and has criticized Iran for rejecting all mediation efforts. President Hosni Mubarak has proposed a peace plan for adoption by the non-aligned group of nations but nothing has come of it so far.

Ali reaffirmed Egypt's readiness to provide military facilities, such as its Red Sea military base at Ras Banas, which can provide air and naval facilities.

"It is true that the base is being developed with Egyptian and American funds, but this does not entitle the U.S. to use it as a (permanent) base," Ali said. "The U.S. would be entitled only to use the facilities available there. Use of the base at Ras Banas to help the Gulf countries is possible if the situation so requires."

In reply to a question, Ali dismissed as "inconceivable" any possibility of the U.S. exploiting the Gulf

situation for "a military adventure."

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia rejected as "sheer fabrication" an Iranian allegation that the U.S. was in collusion with Arab powers to launch air raids on Iranian oil installations.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency claimed in Teheran on Tuesday that the Pentagon was planning air raids on Kharg.

The U.S., the agency contended, was to use Phantom warplanes "disguised as Iranian aircraft, while Iraq would use its own fighter-bombers to launch full-scale air raids on Kharg, Lavan and Bushehr."

In Riyadh, the official Saudi Press Agency quoted an unidentified official source as saying the Iranian claim was totally untrue.

NUCLEAR DEVICE. — French scientists detonated their third nuclear test of the year at Mururoa Atoll in the South Pacific yesterday.



BIG GUNS COME OUT SMILING — Israel's tennis champ Shlomo Glickstein (left) with his Polish rival Wojtek Fibak at yesterday's draw for the European Zone "A" tennis tie which gets under way between the two countries at the Israel Tennis Centre in Jerusalem this afternoon. (Rahamim Israeli)

Senate rebuffs Reagan over anti-satellite weapons

WASHINGTON (AP). — The Senate, after a secret session over Soviet military advances in space, approved by a 61-38 vote Tuesday night legislation requiring President Reagan to attempt "in good faith" to negotiate the strictest possible limitations on anti-satellite weapons.

Without that commitment, the administration would be barred from testing an American anti-satellite device against objects in space. The first such test is set for this fall.

The anti-satellite weapons controversy arose during debate on a \$291 billion spending plan for the Pentagon. The senate was to resume debate on the overall Defence Spending Bill yesterday.

The House of Representatives has already passed a version of the Defence Spending Bill, and once Senate action is completed, selected members of the two chambers will meet in committee to try to agree on a compromise bill.

Though the Senate measure represented a compromise between Reagan's supporters and critics who would have imposed stiffer arms-control requirements, it was a serious rebuff to his policy on space weapons.

Reagan told Congress earlier this year that there is little point in seeking a treaty banning the testing or deployment of anti-satellite weapons because it would be virtually impossible to verify compliance. Soviet leaders asked Monday for talks "without delay" on the issue.

Amnesty: Gaddafi liquidating opponents

LONDON (Reuters). — Amnesty International, the London-based human rights movement, charged yesterday that the Libyan government was executing and torturing its political opponents.

In a message to Muammar Gaddafi, Amnesty called on the Libyan leader to renounce what it described as his government's official policy of "physical liquidation" of enemies.

It expressed particular alarm over

reports that seven men were publicly hanged without trial in Libya between June 3 and 7 on suspicions of opposition to the government.

Amnesty said hundreds of people had been arrested in a crackdown on real or alleged government opponents following an abortive attack May 8 on Gaddafi's headquarters in Tripoli and underlined its belief that detainees were tortured during interrogation.

German labour negotiations collapse

STUTTGART (AP). — New talks to end walkouts paralyzing West Germany's auto industry broke off yesterday as union leaders called on thousands of metalworkers to stage more warning strikes.

The powerful IG Metall Union complained of "irreconcilable differences" when the negotiations ended about 2 1/2 hours after they resumed following a four-day recess.

No date was set for more talks to end West Germany's worst labour dispute in six years, which has idled some 370,000 metalworkers seeking a 35-hour workweek without pay cuts.

Nor were there signs of progress in

separate negotiations yesterday to end a 10-week wave of limited walkouts by printers, who are also demanding a five-hour reduction in the workweek.

Some 5,800 printers in 50 shops across the country staged warning strikes yesterday to block today's publication of newspapers in Frankfurt, West Berlin, Hamburg and Munich, or to force them to put out smaller editions.

IG Metall's chief negotiator, Ernst Eisenmann, said the union would continue to reject management's compromise offer of a 3.3 per cent pay hike, optional early retirement at 58 and a 38-hour work week for 15 per cent of the workforce.

260 killed in Sudanese rebel attacks

CAIRO (AP). — Sudanese troops repelled two attacks by rebels in southern Sudan last week and more than 260 men from both sides were killed, the Egyptian Middle East News Agency said in a report from the Sudanese capital, Khartoum.

The state-run agency said the fighting was reported in a communiqué issued by the armed forces command.

It quoted the communiqué as saying the rebels mounted two attacks in the Upper Nile province.

one of them in the Nasir area which lies about 32 kilometres from the border with Ethiopia.

"The rebels suffered heavy casualties, with 255 killed and a large number wounded," said the communiqué, according to the agency. "Army troops seized quantities of arms in rebel possession."

The communiqué said eight soldiers, including a lieutenant, were killed in the battle.

It said the army was "in full control of the situation" in the area attacked.

Journalists ask Unesco commitment to free press

STOCKHOLM (Reuters). — The International Press Institute, a private organization of journalists, called on Unesco yesterday to regain the confidence of nations with a free press by demonstrating that its work was not in conflict with the principles of the free flow of information.

"In line with its origins, Unesco (UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) should safeguard this freedom as a means of promoting increased understanding among the peoples of the world," the IPI said in a resolution approved at its annual assembly here.

The institute, whose 1,800 members come from newspapers, radio, television, news agencies, magazines and other organizations in 64 countries, said the crisis at Unesco was due to its political and ideological bias on the questions of information and the mass media.

Last December, the U.S., which pays 25 per cent of Unesco's budget, decided to withdraw from the organization at the end of 1984.

GHALI. — State Minister for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali left Cairo yesterday on an official three-day visit to Britain.

New panel to speed talks on the future of Hongkong

PEKING (AP). — China and Britain advanced the prospects of an agreement on the future of Hongkong yesterday when they announced the formation of a full-time committee to examine detailed documents.

British sources said the panel, led by ambassador-rank diplomats well versed in international law and Sino-British relations, should help secure an accord by Peking's September deadline.

Britain has agreed to relinquish sovereignty over Hongkong by 1997 when its lease on the territory runs out, but seeks guarantees that its legal, financial and social fabric will be little changed.

The joint announcement, first issued at a weekly briefing by foreign ministry spokesman Yu Zhizhong, came at the end of a 16th round of "useful and constructive" twice-monthly talks.

The formal talks resume in Peking on June 27-28, but starting next week the new committee will "consider documents submitted by the two sides in pursuit of their objective of reaching agreement as soon as possible."

The panel will be headed by Ke Zaishuo of the Chinese Foreign Ministry, a veteran of the West European desk and a member of the Chinese team at the formal talks, and by David Wilson, assistant undersecretary of state at the Foreign and Commonwealth office in London.

The conservative English-language *South China Morning Post* in Hongkong reported this week that come 1997, Britain plans to resettle "hundreds and perhaps thousands" of senior civil servants holding sensitive posts, including Hongkong Chinese not normally entitled to residence in Britain.

Sports

Clash of champs sparks intriguing Davis Cup tie

By PHILLIP GILLON and JACK LEON

The Davis Cup tennis tie between Israel and Poland gets off to a start this afternoon when Israeli champion Shlomo Glickstein faces Poland's No. 1 Wojtek Fibak in the first match at 1 p.m. at the Israel Tennis Centre in Jerusalem.

The promise of a terrific clash is borne out by their respective rankings on the ATP computer. Glickstein holding 55th spot to Fibak's 43rd. The outcome of the five-set encounter could be critical for the way the entire five-match European Zone "A" second round tie goes.

Glickstein can count on a slight psychological edge. He nurtures a useful, if rather remote, memory of their only previous clash — that was Montreal four years ago when he thrashed Fibak. Also as a result of the draw — made yesterday afternoon at the Holyland Hotel by the Tennis Centre's Tamar Aharon under the watchful eye of the match referee Luigi Brambilla of Italy — Glickstein will be on court first for his matches on both single days — that is when the sunshine is its most taxing.

The Israeli champ, obviously feeling good after his fine doubles performance in Paris last week, looked very sharp at practice yesterday. His relaxed confidence was reflected in the fact that he even allowed himself a rare smile during the session.

Fibak, however, has a formidable Davis Cup record having won 16 of his 18 single matches. He commanded every shot in the book together with sagacious courtcraft. The match is sure to spark off the tie in highly dramatic fashion. (The doubles will be played tomorrow at 2 p.m. with the return singles starting at 1 p.m. on Saturday.)

Immediately after the battle of the two big guns, Shabar Peris engages Poland's No. 2 Waldemar Rogowski. Peris is also in strappingly good form, having climbed almost 300 places in only nine months to stand 153rd on the computer. His 19-year-old opponent has seldom played outside Poland but he possesses an extremely powerful service and raking ground shots on both forehand and backhand. Nonetheless Peris should win.

Bird, Maxwell bury the Lakers

BOSTON (AP). — The Boston Celtics, pro basketball's most successful-ever team, used a 24-point performance by Cedric Maxwell and 20 by Larry Bird to beat the Los Angeles Lakers 111-102 in the seventh game of their championship series and so captured an unprecedented 15th NBA title.

The Celtics who captured their first championship in 1957 in seven games over St. Louis showed just how capable they are of holding their nerve. On the seven occasions they have been taken all the way to seven games in the championship series they have never lost the crucial game.

The Lakers, who had wilted in the Boston Garden last in game five, showed no hesitancy in running from the opening tip. They had three early fastbreak baskets, but the Celtics were there to meet them. The Celtics led 58-52 at halftime as Maxwell finished the first two periods with 17 points, including 11-for-13 free throws.

They also led by 13 going into the fourth quarter, but the Lakers frustratedly rallied to level the deficit to 105-102, with 1:15 left on a three-point play by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who finished with 29 points, and a basket by James Worthy, who had 21. But two free throws by Dennis Johnson, who had 22 points, made it 107-102 with 45 seconds left and two more fast shots by Bird set off a wild celebration by the sellout crowd of 14,890.

France win opener amid Danish tragedy

PARIS (AP). — Danish midfielder ace Allan Simonsen broke his leg and French defender Manuel Amoros was sent off in an action-packed opening match of the 1984 European soccer championships on Tuesday night. Host nation France won 2-1 with a goal by Michel Platini 12 minutes from the end and confirmed the prognosis that has made them favourites in Group One. Two nations out of four in each group advance to the semi-finals.

European Footballer-of-the-Year in 1977 and still one of the continent's most gifted midfielders, Simonsen's tragic exit from the championships — an injury which probably has ended his brilliant career — came with only one minute left of the first half. It had been high-speed but uneventful soccer when the 31-year-old Danish playmaker went up for the same ball as Frenchman Yvon Le Roux and ended up in agony on the ground, clutching his left leg.

Simonsen had considered the championships — the first time Denmark has reached the final stages of a major soccer tournament — as the pinnacle of a great career.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Tuesday

Baseball: Chicago 11; Montreal 4; Pittsburgh 6; New York 3; St. Louis 1; Philadelphia 2; Houston 7; Cincinnati 6; Detroit 7; Atlanta 6 (12 innings); Los Angeles 3; San Francisco 4. American League: Toronto 12; Detroit 9; New York 8; Baltimore 5; Milwaukee 6; Minnesota 2; Seattle 3; Kansas City 4; Texas 6; Cincinnati 3; Chicago 1 (9 innings); Cleveland 11; Oakland 5.

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Mobilising for Nairobi

Jewish women are preparing to present a strong front at the conference marking the end of the UN Decade for Women next year in Nairobi. Pearl Miller reports an initiative by the Anti-Defamation League.



Paris conference goals: to be ready for propaganda and circus antics... (Avisbay Boneh)

City 1975 Decade for Women conference, which passed the first of the "Zionism is Racism" resolutions, was also hijacked. Had Israel and the west then taken the time and trouble to analyse why and how, Copenhagen might not have become a forum for anti-Semitism and anti-Israel politics.

Instead the west, like Israel, sent to Copenhagen delegations of highly skilled women who were experts in their field with a lot to offer the Conference in substantive terms. The Soviets and the satellite countries sent UN pros who had so little interest in women's matters that they rejected an anti-sexism amendment on the grounds that "sexism" as a word does not exist in Russian; and permitted the Ukrainians to reject an important resolution on battered women "as there are no battered women in the Ukraine."

"Jewish women in particular who attended the conference were wholly

unprepared for the confrontational and illegal tactics used by the Soviet bloc and third world delegates," wrote B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League National Chairman Kenneth Bialkin and B'nai B'rith President Beverly Davis in a joint communiqué. "They were never able to prepare counter strategies or divert Palestinian agendas from dominating discussions."

The Anti-Defamation League, as co-partner of the B'nai B'rith, has undertaken to spend this year preparing Jewish participants for next summer's End of the Decade Conference in Nairobi. It has mounted a campaign to encourage Jewish women throughout the world to attend the official conference as well as the parallel NGO conference. In cooperation with Jewish women's groups everywhere the ADL will hold training sessions.

National workshops have already been held in France, the U.S. and

England. According to Roberta Reisman, the ADL Jerusalem office's assistant director, following an Israeli workshop in June, Jewish women from all over the world are expected to gather in Paris from July 8-10.

The conference, to be held at the Meridian Hotel, will be kicked off by US Ambassador to the UN Jean Kirkpatrick who will speak on *The Women's Movement: Defining the Issues*. One series of panels will

examine the women's movement in Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, the U.S. and the Third World. Another will identify propaganda ploys and train participants in how to deal with propaganda. A third will study the counteraction skills Jewish women will need at Nairobi, focusing in on anti-Semitism as an issue and the Arab line against Israel, as well as teaching participants to build coalitions and how to block anti-Israel resolutions. A fourth and final

panel will examine available resources and develop a framework for participants to repeat the Paris exercise in their home cities and countries.

Reisman, who has been actively organizing the Paris Conference, emphasizes that the first goal of participants on return to their home countries, will be to meet with official delegations to Nairobi, and try to get a commitment from them that they will not allow the conference to be hijacked again.

"In the event that it is, our women have to be prepared for the propaganda, the circus antics, and the undemocratic way of doing business," said Reisman. "We want our women, whether attending the UN or parallel NGO conference, to know how to get the floor, how to neutralise parliamentary procedure and how to respond substantively to issues. We want them to know how UN conferences operate before they arrive, so they don't lose the first three or four days."

Invitations have been issued to Jewish women's organizations throughout the world. Many groups have agreed to serve as co-sponsors, among them: The National Council of Jewish Women, the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, Pioneer Women/Naamat, WIZO Women's American ORT, The World Jewish Congress and the Zionist Organization of America.

Israelis interested in attending should contact Reisman at the ADL in Jerusalem: telephone: 234844 or 221171.

Today is edited by Joanna Yehiel.

COPENHAGEN, JULY 1980. More than midway through the United Nations Conference on the Decade for Women, quite early one morning, the phone rang in my hotel room. The caller was a member of Bangladesh's delegation, a young lawyer whose energy, commitment and vision had impressed many of us.

She explained that at a late night emergency session, she and other members of the delegation had decided to gather together everyone they had met at Copenhagen: delegates, observers, and journalists accredited to either the official UN conference, or the parallel conference attended by members of Non-Government Organizations (NGO). It was imperative that we cancel any previously scheduled activities to attend a special meeting later that morning.

Responding to the sense of urgency conveyed by the dynamic young lawyer, by 10 a.m. almost three dozen women had gathered in the designated conference room. Fifteen minutes later the Bangladeshis literally locked the door.

The lawyer welcomed citizens of the developing and developed world, introducing members of the delegation from Dacca. She said that they represented the tiny handful of educated, professional women in Bangladesh, one of the poorest and most densely populated countries in the world. They had come to Copenhagen in good faith, hoping to find solutions to some of the worst problems facing women in Bangladesh. Instead they found that delegates were busy debating Zionism

and apartheid. They did not underestimate the importance of those issues, but thought that they belonged in other forums. "Our situation is so critical that we cannot allow ourselves the luxury of debating international politics when we should be finding solutions to local problems." For this reason they decided to return to Dacca before the conference closed. Before returning, however, they told us about Bangladesh and read a list of the problems suffered by their women. They asked if women in our countries had similar problems, to tell them what we were doing to solve them. "If you are from an industrialized country, but have ideas about how we can solve these problems, please also tell us."

For several hours representatives from every continent enthusiastically addressed themselves to the topics presented, most of which dealt with the health, education, and welfare of Bangladesh's largely illiterate, mostly rural, generally fundamentalist Moslem female population. The delegates from Dacca took copious notes, then boarded an evening plane and headed east.

The extraordinary meeting was just that: extraordinary. The actions of the brave, no-nonsense Bangladesh delegation reminded us all just how low a priority women's issues had been given at Copenhagen.

What was sad about Copenhagen, where the Russians turned an international conference for women into a political free-for-all was that some of the fiasco could have been prevented. In many ways the Mexico

Taking stock of the sick

A doctor's diary/Dr. David Samson

DURING my absence from this column I've completed an extensive review of all my practice activities during the past year.

I maintain an accurate, up-to-date register of all my patients, which includes all their pertinent personal and demographic details and I also routinely record the diagnoses made at all my practice consultations, whether at home or in the clinic and all the drug prescriptions I issue.

In addition, I have a file of my patients arranged by year of birth, an age-sex register, and smaller lists of selected groups of patients. These either have a specific condition requiring long-term treatment and supervision, or form an "at risk" group from the health point of view for some reason(s) such as cigarette smoking.

With a little help and advice from a computer-oriented colleague and a few late nights, a detailed analysis of my professional activities last year was accomplished relatively easily. This, of course, was no mere academic exercise. Any "business" requires continuous quality control of both its production methods and its finished article. Thus, if I'm aiming at producing better health for my patients I'd like to know how well and efficiently I'm achieving this, and at what cost.

For example, my consultation rate last year was higher than the national average. Does that mean that my patients are basically healthier than others or that I'm less successful in making them better? Or could it be that I have a lot of elderly patients who require more regular care than their younger counterparts? Or is the explanation that my clinic hours are longer and more flexible than in other places, making access to my services easier for patients?

On the other hand, my emergency hospitalization rate last year was significantly lower than national figures, after taking into account the age structure of my practice population. Were there really fewer emergencies, or could the rate have been affected by the fact that I try to maintain a 24-hour on-call service for my patients even if it's just to give advice by telephone? By looking at the practice data more carefully I can attempt to answer the sort of questions posed here.

I can find out, for example, how many patients with high blood pressure are liable to be in the practice and, as yet, are undetected. I know those who have been found, so by referring to the findings of large scale population surveys which detected all the cases of high blood pressure I can calculate how many I should still be looking for.

By using the age-sex register I can narrow down the search to the groups most likely to contain the missing cases. The same sort of search could be carried out for conditions such as diabetes or glaucoma which are common enough but often initially "silent", although treatment during this asymptomatic period

could well be an investment for the future.

There are many other questions which intrigue and annoy me that I can begin to answer from the data I have analysed. For example, what are the characteristics of that small but fascinating group of patients who never seem to pay me a visit? Are they super-healthy or super-afraid of doctors?

Why did I prescribe as many sleeping tablets last year as I did in spite of my good intentions not to? I'll have to do better next year. And why all those expensive and usually less-effective antibiotics when ordinary penicillin would have been better and cheaper in most cases?

Looking more closely, at the reasons why patients consulted me over the past year, I wasn't surprised to learn that first place was occupied by conditions of the respiratory system: all those colds, flu and sore throats almost all of us suffer from at some time throughout the year.

The next most common reason for a visit was a psychological or mental health problem, and this was followed by skin complaints, conditions of the ear, nose and throat, and musculo-skeletal problems, in that order. Heart conditions, cancer, accidents, poisoning and violence, which contribute so much to hospital morbidity, were all way down on my list.

In my practice each year, per 1,000 patients, there are two to four heart attacks heralded by chest pain. Against these are about 30 to 40 episodes of chest pain in the same number of patients due to psychological or musculo-skeletal upsets, and as many as 10 cases of chest pain due to a fairly common viral infection affecting the muscles of the chest wall. Every medical student in training with me is well versed in the latest advances in diagnosing and treating heart attacks, but I have yet to meet one who knows anything about this viral condition.

I see about two cases of acute appendicitis per year per thousand patients but also about 100 cases of abdominal pain in which the problem settles down after a day or two with no treatment except close supervision.

Thus diseases common in hospital are rare in my practice and I almost never see diseases rare in hospital. Paradoxically, common conditions which I see are rare in hospital because they hardly ever have to be dealt with there.

My analysis helps to remind me that I need to maintain a community-based perspective if I'm to achieve the "better health" product I referred to earlier.

In this new series of articles, as in the past, I will be continuing to focus on the common, the uncomplicated, and the mundane, rather than on the rare, the complex and the obscure. If you have any questions or topics which might be appropriate for such a column then please write and tell me about them at *The Jerusalem Post*.

Health brief

CHILDREN who need to undergo surgery such as tonsillectomy or the draining of an ear abscess are often very apprehensive about the procedures. The hospital is a strange place full of strange people in unfamiliar clothing. Even the smells are unusual and every procedure seems a cause for alarm.

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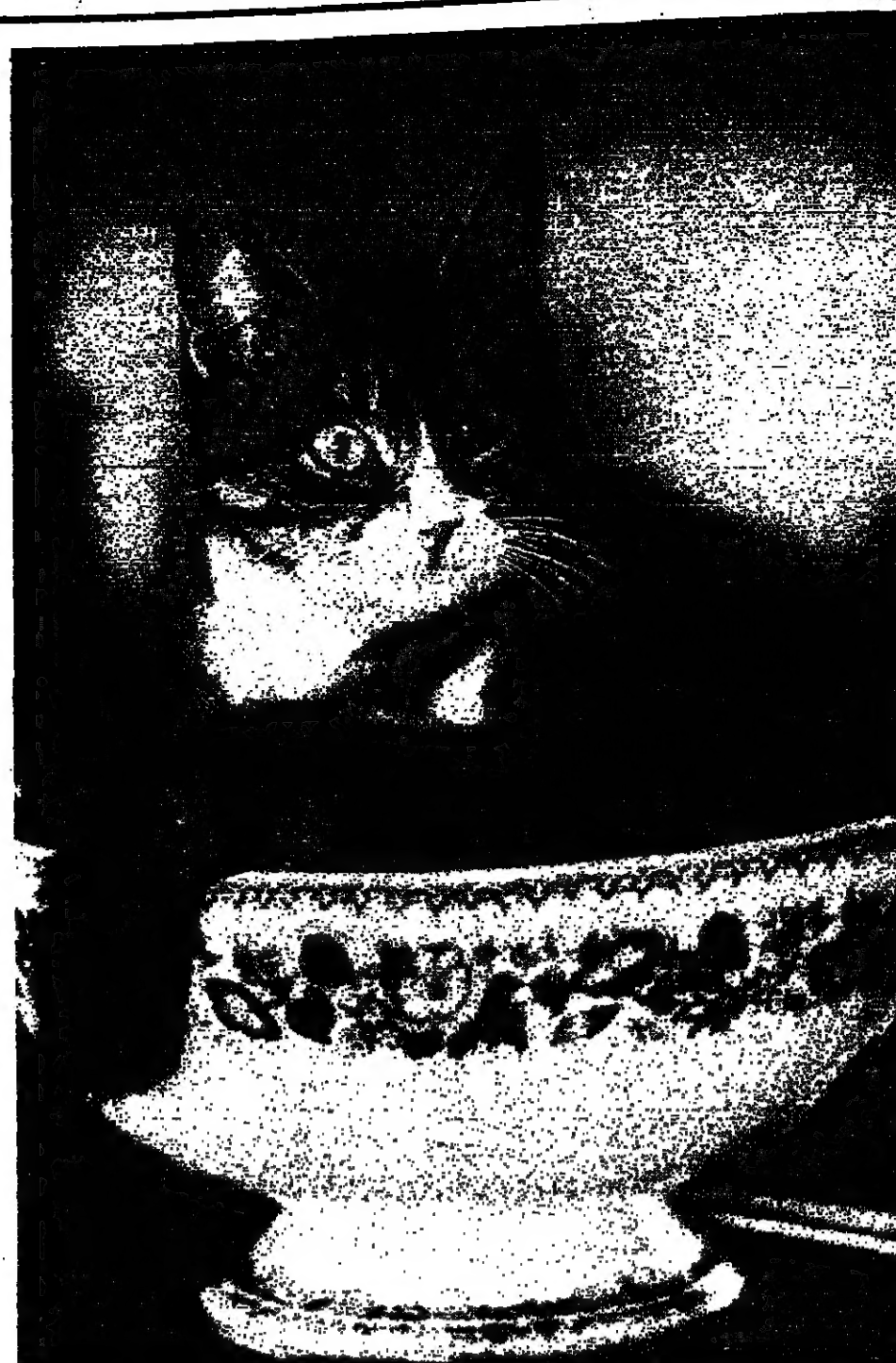
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A tale of two kitties

Wim Van Leer indulges in a little catharsis.

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I SHOULD have known better — in fact, I did know better. But you know how it is. One does not always do what is best, especially when there is a more attractive alternative.

Our cat Muzzipuzzi has been for years on a productivity binge which should earn her the Israel Prize for Industry. For that reason she is called "mother-cat" or, more colloquially, Muzzipuzzi. While she is nursing her brood we run around in frantic search of adoptive homes. Usually we manage in the nick of time, a new litter making its entry as the last of the previous lot is lovingly collected.

Cat-loving friends have suggested having her spayed, and they may well be right. But then, "do not do unto others" etc. Also I love the sight of wrestling kittens at their pretend games, hunting imaginary wild animals across my living room carpet.

But with the last but one litter we ran out of loving homes and got stuck with one pretty grey female named Missippi — vaguely in honour of Old Man River — who managed to endear herself to me by crawling under my bedcovers at night. I got very attached to the beastly which packed a powerful purr of gratitude, something like a two-stroke engine with oiled-up plugs. But Muzzipuzzi got pregnant again and began to avoid her wayward daughter.

"You can't have two cats in the same house; it's against nature," warned the wife. As a score of kitten paws began to ripple Muzzipuzzi's belly from within, she adopted a "Nu?" stance; then unilaterally broke off diplomatic relations with Missippi. Bewildered by the sudden switch from mother-love to utter rejection, Missippi developed an ever-deepening neurosis which once

the kittens were born, was exacerbated by persecution.

At all times of the day and a good part of the night the growlings, spitting hissing and claxon calls to arms came from all over the house. Muzzipuzzi feeling her prerogatives threatened now declared open warfare. Strangely, short armistices were observed at feeding time when nothing worse than a claw lifted in threat or a brushed-out tail signalled that for the moment hostility was out to lunch. Missippi lived in mortal fear of her mother's wrath and took to creeping along the walls and hiding in cupboards, at night using the protection of my eiderdown.

"Why don't you find a home for her? She'll get pregnant and then what?" nagged the wife who could not stand having the domestic tranquillity punctuated by my loud-voiced threats of "Either you two break it up, or you both go to the

knackers!"

"Joan Comay's cat-haven will be delighted to have her," insisted the wife. "You only keep her because she sleeps with you."

"Look who is talking!" I inelegantly retorted.

Things got worse when Muzzipuzzi's offspring left the nest and began to cavort all over creation, and Missippi, who by this time was pregnant herself, took to spitting at the bewildered kittens. It is common knowledge that mother cats after intensely and lovingly teaching their brood all they need to know, from ghekk-hunting to do-it-yourself obstetrics, from all-out wrestling to food wheedling, pack them off to fend for themselves. For that and other reasons there are no cat-psychiatrists. Missippi, being *de trop*, was driven to the brink by her impending parturition, her mother's

aggressiveness and the kittens' innocent provocation. "Look what you've done," said the wife.

It was in the middle of the night that Missippi mournfully announced that her labour had begun. Not having prepared a nesting place like normal cats, she ran all over the house. We hastily provided a supermarket carton with a clean towel for bedding, which she ignored. Then she disappeared.

Next morning we found her in my study, nervously cleaning four tiny, mouse-grey kittens. To calm her down and reassure her, we stroked her and hand-fed her milk and cat-food, but she soon abandoned the kittens and stalked around the house.

Sensing that in my study things were afoot, Muzzipuzzi decided to have a look-see, but visions of some feline Götterdämmerung kept her

away. She sulked off, to give her own brood a lesson in pouncing — mainly to let off steam.

After tea I went to my study and found Missippi uncomfortably perched on her chair nursing her kittens while Muzzipuzzi, with an air of tolerance born of acceptance of the inevitable, looked on from the floor. The kittens were having some difficulty finding the nipples which their mum had neglected to defur. In her discomfort she kept twisting around, at times sitting on the squealing brood.

Now Muzzipuzzi, like a *balabosse* exasperated by watching a bungling *ozerer*, decided to take a hand.

She jumped into the nest, and began to groom her daughter's face, neck and back while I prepared to put the damper on the impending explosion. Missippi, in sudden delight, lay on her side, closed her eyes and set up a mighty purr.

Next, grandma organised the sprawling brood in a neat row, giving each of them a quick shine and, by now very much in command, began to clear the new mother's nipples. Finally, she had the kittens nursing, their tiny paws, eagerly pumping away. That done, she laid her front paw protectively across her peacefully sleeping daughter, with the kittens in between having a ball in the two-counter cafeteria.

It looked as if the outcast had redeemed herself through motherhood which in a cat's world counts for more than territorial exclusivity, having to share vittles or the undivided attention of the human household.

I took forward to watching the four grey, as yet eyeless, kittens grow up protected and instructed by two mothers. But I have learned my lesson. I am again looking for cat-loving homes. Any takers???

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Happily ever after

Dogs and cats can be friends, according to D'vora Ben Shaul

FIGHTING like cat and dog... the phrase has become an expression in common usage. But as a matter of fact dogs and cats can live happily together and can even be good friends. The late cynologist, Prof. Rudolfo Menzel of the school for the blind in Kiryat Motzkin, used to say that "it's all a matter of communication. They have to learn to interpret one another's language and then they're all right."

This does not, of course, mean that you can take just any adult cat

and put it into a room with any adult dog and expect them to get along. By adulthood both of them have probably developed conditioned behaviour patterns vis a vis the other species. The cat will automatically start spitting and the dog will bark... and then the fur may very well start to fly. Each is interpreting the other's behaviour as aggressive, when in fact the cat is usually defensive and frightened while the dog is excited and curious.

Certainly the easiest way is to

introduce a very young kitten into a house with an adult dog. The dog is old enough to be firmly told to leave the kitten alone and won't feel threatened; the kitten has no experience of dogs and after a few tentative hisses will see the dog as a big, warm and even pleasant companion. You can also introduce a young puppy to an adult cat, but you might find the cat living at bookcase-and-refrigerator-top level for a few weeks until puss becomes convinced that the nosy little intruder is not

really going to eat cat for breakfast.

The main thing, however, in the words of one Israeli expert, is that "the cat is always right. That might not be fair but that's the way it is." Her reasons are simple. First of all, dogs are far more biddable than cats and can, without too much difficulty, be convinced that the cat is there because you want it to be there, and that they'd best stop teasing it. Cats are not nearly so amenable in this respect and if you've never tried to explain anything to a cat then you have missed an experience in zero communication.

The second reason is that the cat is not likely to hurt the dog, but the dog can easily kill the cat. For this reason the human leader of this little pack has to set the tone and convince the dog that the cat is not to be bothered.

When they do get along a cat and a dog are a real pleasure to keep together and well worth the effort it takes to make peace between them.

Some cats become convinced that they, too, are dogs and in my neighbourhood I often see a woman walking her dog on a leash while the unfettered cat strolls along behind. One woman I know says that her cat follows her and her dog while she rides her horse.

Other animals can also live together. One woman I know kept dogs, cats and a pet raccoon together for several years and another person had rabbits and a cat in the same yard without any cages. Birds are usually a temptation - often an irresistible one - to any cat, but one Jerusalemite has a cat who lives with birds and if one of them gets out of its cage the cat pretends she doesn't see it.

We've all seen cartoons of a cat dangling its paws in a gold fish bowl but in fact cats usually pay no attention to the aquarium. When they do they are usually remarkably unsuccessful as fishers and my own cat, who has tried in vain for seven years to catch a goldfish from the ornamental pool, has never caught more than an embarrassing dunking.

There are well documented cases of friendship between monkeys and cats, monkeys and dogs and even one of a monkey who almost grieved to death when a pet rat died.

Jimmy, the big orang-utan at the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, was on excellent terms with a cat and even let her have kittens in his electrically heated sleeping box. I also knew a cat who nursed and reared a litter of orphaned baby hedgehogs.

But one of the most remarkable cases of this kind was the cat, Henny Penny, orphaned at a few days of age. The farmer who reared her had no trouble feeding her but had no way of keeping such a small kitten warm. He put her under the electric brooder with a batch of baby chicks and there she grew up. She spent her whole life as the poultry house cat. She was an avid mouse hunter and sparrow catcher but even a day-old chick was safe with her.



Pets and vets

Lou Blattner explains why pet ownership is on the rise.

IF YOU'VE waited in a veterinarian's clinic with your pet as long as I've waited with mine, you must have realized that "animal doctors" are busier than ever. Pet ownership is on the rise in Israel: some 120,000 dogs received licences this year (comparable statistics on cats are unavailable).

Several explanations are commonly offered for the increasing popularity of household pets. These usually include the rise in the standard of living, status symbol theory and the "dogs offer protection against burglars" theory. But one veteran puppy and dog raiser claims that it is today's easy-care products which made pet ownership much more attractive. "Proper food preparation alone used to be so time-consuming," she recalls.

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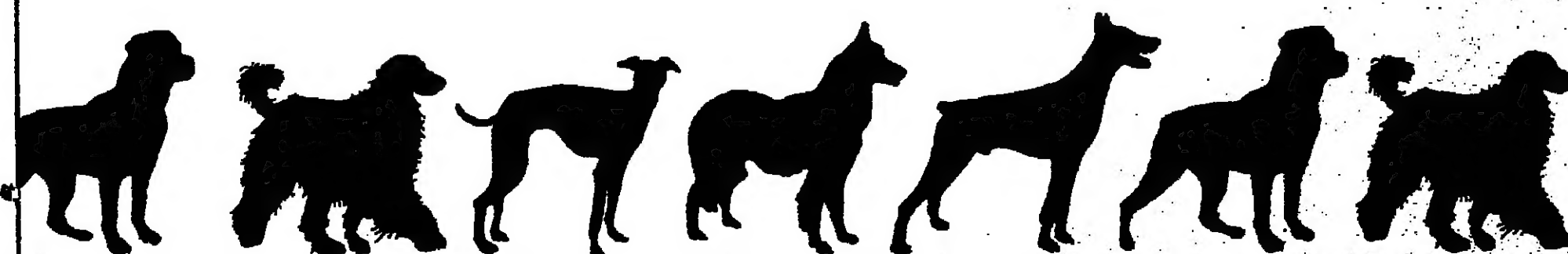
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When delay is deadly

THE TEACHERS are back at work. Perhaps they know, and perhaps they don't, whether they got what they struck for, or more or less. The staff of the foreign ministry are still on strike. The distributors of cooking gas have stopped working. So have the employees of the nuclear research reactor. The postal workers, the administrative employees of the broadcasting authority, the workers of the telecommunication company, and others, are engaged in work actions.

The workers of the Electric Corporation, the academics in social sciences and humanities in the public sector, the workers of the Defence Ministry, the lawyers of the Ministry of Justice, the biochemists and microbiologists, the nurses - have all declared labour disputes. If anybody in the public service has not yet joined the fray, presumably they soon will.

The country is in labour turmoil, and election giveaways are in full swing, repeated government declarations to the contrary notwithstanding. No evidence more convincing would be needed than the uproar in the Treasury itself, from the resignation of the director-general and the minister's economic adviser down to vocal protests by the economists of the budget division.

But if further proof was needed, there is, in addition to the money printing that goes on at a monthly rate of between 30 and 40 billion shekels, the sudden compassion that the government summoned for the plight of the self-employed. Their national insurance premiums, only recently increased by legislation initiated by this same government were cut back by 25 per cent, at a cost of 1510-11 billion shekels.

On the wage front, the government is on the horns of a dilemma. To yield to the demands of the Histadrut means a reversal of 180 degrees in what was the heart and soul of Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad's policy. Not to yield means to antagonize, six weeks before the elections, many among the 300,000 to 400,000 wage earners already involved in labour disputes. And, more than ever before, the wage earners have a case in much of their demands.

The Treasury itself implicitly recognized that, by granting compensation payments for the excessive wage erosion that had resulted from Mr. Cohen-Orad's fumbling attempts at surgery that caused an uncontrolled hemorrhage. The wage increases given to the regular army - no matter how justified in themselves - opened the sluice gates. There seems to be no way by which they can be closed again.

None of the pleas to workers to wait with their demands until after the elections, as plaintively voiced yesterday by the Prime Minister, will be of any avail. The workers are no fools. They know that promises of this kind are not dependable. In the same vein, the repeated charge that the Histadrut is playing politics is also so shopworn that nobody will buy it anymore even at a discount.

Sooner or later, therefore, the government will have to yield. There is already mention of secret talks between the new director-general of the Treasury, Nissim Baruch, and Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar, about a compromise. The present difference between the 7.9 per cent wage hike the Treasury is prepared to grant, and the average 22.5 per cent demanded by the Histadrut, is to be split, as usual in such cases, somewhere down the middle.

Whether that is the case or not, the worst thing the government can do for its ailing economy is to drag out the negotiations. If the end result is to be that the government will have to pay up, then to pay late, with massive retroactive payments back to April, will add not oil, but dynamite to inflation. Better to pay a little more on the instalment plan than a little less later, in a huge lump sum.

Israel has amassed rich experience in the havoc created by retroactive wage payments caused by negotiations that were dragged out endlessly. This time the result could be worse than ever, not only because election economics pump liquidity into the economy to the point where the banks are now swimming in cash, but because vast amounts of government obligations are falling due in the next few months. The Treasury sees hopeful signs that these savings will be recycled, and reinvested into new long-term savings schemes and deposits. The Treasury doesn't say much about how much of the cash becoming available for fresh disposition makes its way into illegally held foreign currency, either under the mattress in Israel or in some foreign bank account.

The Finance Minister, his director-general and the other officials who rotate in negotiating with the Histadrut - the wage commissioner, Hillel Dudai, has just been fired - had better make up their minds quickly. If they must - and apparently they must and will - then let them pay now, and not hold their generosity back to the last possible date before the elections, in the hope that this will yield greater electoral gains. Backpay to the tune of some 15 per cent of the wage bill, for half a year or more, could easily double even our present inflation rate and bring it into the range of the three-digit monthly level. Does Mr. Cohen-Orad want to cope with that, or does he want to leave it to another government?

PUTTING A BRAKE ON FOLLY

By ZALMAN SHOVAL

THE Bank of Israel's bleak report on this country's economy, published last week, followed the no less gloomy assessment on the subject by the International Monetary Fund.

One of the most serious conclusions of the IMF report was that inflation in Israel has reached such a high rate "that it endangers the functioning of the economic system and would require a concentrated effort to stem it, quite contrary to the gradual approach practised by the Ministry of Finance."

In other words, when a country reaches the hyperinflationary rate of 400 per cent (and more) annually, it is no longer possible to deal with the problem on a step-by-step basis, which is perhaps suitable for "normal" inflation. It is necessary to adopt a number of far-reaching, coordinated measures encompassing several areas at the same time.

Indeed, the very fact and impact of these measures may be an inseparable part of the remedy itself in a situation characterized by the third highest rate of inflation in the world, by an external debt of \$5,500-\$6,500 per capita, by a still higher internal debt, by a disjointed tax system, by the flight of capital overseas, by an enormous balance of payments deficit, by a malfunctioning capital market, and by a seriously hurt banking system.

Any economic policy that ignores the close connection and interrelationship between all these problems and the degree of urgency in solving them is doomed to failure.

THE ONLY way Israel can reach economic independence is through renewed economic growth. In other words, only if we expand that economic activity which produces real value (unlike the present situation, where the economy is just overinflated as a result of local-market activity), shall we be able to pay for our future requirements - and this includes security as well as our standard of living and the social aims we wish to attain.

In recent years, we have lived on infusions - with one end of the tube in our veins and the other in the veins of the American budget. But anyone who thinks that this state of affairs can continue forever is either misinformed about current attitudes in the international banking community or is not sufficiently aware of possible trends in American politics.

Our capacity to continue to obtain international credit from banking and commercial sources and to receive further American aid (which we need at any rate, if only for defence purposes) will also depend

on our ability to gear our economy towards a continuous expansion of exports of goods and services with a relatively high added dollar value.

In this respect we should follow the example of Japan and those countries that have succeeded in creating national (and personal) wealth from hard and productive work, from good management and planning, from the correct allocation of national resources - and as a result of a well thought-out investment policy, as well as a tax system that encourages certain activities while creating disincentives for others.

We should not follow the example of certain other countries, in South America for instance, that tried to base their economies on increased internal consumption and on loans from abroad.

Unfortunately, however, there are no short cuts in economics, and after so many years of mistaken policies, even the wisest and most stable of governments would not be able to re-start the growing process of the Israeli economy without first passing through a period of retrenchment and restraint.

The key to it all is, of course, in the hands of the government. If, for instance, it does not stop its own deficits and the "over-time" printing of money, the dizzying inflationary spiral is bound to get worse. (And since the government, because of the forthcoming elections, does not update prices as inflation would demand, the rise in the cost-of-living index as from October could be in the order of 20 to 25 per cent a month!).

Also bound to get worse is the squandering of dollars (as a result of increased civilian imports and consumption, and the accelerated purchase of "black" dollars). As long as the government spends more, much more, than it acquires from taxes, export proceeds, grants, unilateral transfers, the sale of assets and long-term loans, it will go on printing paper-obligations backed up by nothing.

HOW DOES one stop a government spending what it does not have, or rather what we do not have? Clearly, the answer lies in a change in the structure of the economy, namely in a cut in the government's own financial activity, in increased efficiency, (which includes the prevention of waste), in a shrinking of the public sector, in a reduction of those services provided to citizens at uneconomic prices, in giving incentives to workers and investors in selected branches of the economy, and so on. But even that will not be sufficient.

cient, certainly not in the immediate future. Thus, legal steps will have to be taken to prevent the government from printing money beyond the limits of an approved and balanced budget. At the same time, other steps will have to be taken, such as:
□ a one-time additional devaluation of the shekel, to encourage exports;
□ a temporary freeze (for 3-4 months) on prices, wages and taxes (preferably but not necessarily as part of a "package deal");
□ a limitation on strikes and lock-outs in certain public services, accompanied by the institution of compulsory arbitration for the settling of such disputes.

However, any economic recovery programme must also include a fundamental reform of the capital market in order to cope with the wave of redemptions of debentures and savings-schemes in the next few years, and also to create new channels for savings and investment for the public.

Nor does the tax system in its present form fulfil its function properly, either as a raiser of funds for the Treasury or as an instrument of economic policy. One of the first steps the new government will have to take is to repeal the "Law on Taxation under Inflationary Conditions," which in its present form has both considerably reduced the government's tax income and forced certain businesses to pay taxes on unearned (and never to be earned) profits. Instead, a much simpler tax law, one that will express the value of investments and the fruits they bear, in dollars, should be adopted.

Also, Israel will probably not be able to continue with its system of automatic and almost total index-linkage. Over the years linkage has become the principal catalyst of Israel's hyperinflation. The larger the volume of financial assets "sanitized" against inflation and devaluation by automatic linkage, the greater the difficulty of stemming inflation.

However, it will not be easy to abolish, or even change, the linkage system, and to introduce other far-reaching economic measures - certainly not from the political and social points of view.

And it is inconceivable that any of it could be accomplished without creating, after the elections, a government of national unity, comprising the majority of the Zionist parties in the Knesset and in the Histadrut.

But even that will not suffice unless the public is really convinced of the serious intention of the govern-

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ment to implement its policy fully and consistently, and of the necessity of the steps taken - as well as of the prospects of their success.

An essential component of this process is the restoration of public confidence in the country's currency and in its purchasing power. Whatever label is attached to the process ("dollarization" or even "shekelization"), the government will have to find a way of assuring the public that it will not print money beyond its real assets if inflation and the flight of capital abroad are to be halted.

OF COURSE governments do have reasons for increasing the quantity of money in circulation. It isn't only the "dues" they have to pay to demanding coalition-partners, or the settlements and the war in Lebanon. The government prints money because the structure of our economy and our society is distorted, with one-third of our work-force getting its pay from the Treasury, with only 15-20 per cent of the above active in dollar-earning branches of the economy, with ingrained habits that burden the state's coffers with expenses for services and activities that even the richest countries, including the better-off welfare-states, cannot afford.

All this, and projects like the Lavi fighter plane and the Med-Dead Sea Canal must be reexamined, not because they are without merit, but simply because we don't have now the means to pay for them. Even the question of the establishment of new settlements (on either side of the "green line") should not escape scrutiny, because, without a proper budget, they are anyway only so

many castles in the air. If we are still keeping afloat it is because, luckily for us, non-resident depositors have not withdrawn the \$7 billion or so they deposited in our banks and because the U.S. increased its grants and loans to temporarily cover the payments of principal and interest we owe.

When the International Monetary Fund states that hyperinflation "endangers the functioning of the economic system of the country," it means, in plain terms, that because the various administrative, fiscal and monetary means the government and the Bank of Israel have at their disposal to steer the economy are no longer suitable in the situation that has developed, the Israeli economy may soon be in chaos. For "economy" read: all the needs of the economy and of our society, in fact all the needs of the nation.

Whoever talks about any subject - be it defence, housing, settlement, welfare or whatever - without understanding that all these depend first and foremost on the economic resources we have at our disposal, is either a fool or a knave.

I believe that it is still possible to save the economy from the abyss. We can still stop the downhill slide and change our course, but it will be difficult. Unlike other countries in the world, we do have the human, scientific and technological resources - and potentially even the financial ones - to build here a glorious society and economy. But we have to see one situation as it is, rather than pride ourselves on futuristic illusions.

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The wage farce

By MACABEE DEAN

willing to undertake the work these *gastarbeiter* do.

Moreover, the set-up is entirely different in a much broader aspect. In Israel, it is not the "capitalist" but the government, led by one party or another, which is the supreme employer, or at least the supreme "regulator" of funds.

Even the so-called "capitalistic," export-oriented industries stand with proverbial caps in hand, shuffling their feet like old-time Russian serfs before the Finance Ministry, subtly begging for help (in the guise of incentives, low-interest loans, compulsory deposits on imports to make them less competitive and so on).

If they do not "beg," they cannot keep their factories running and competitive with those abroad, or even undersell imported goods. For how can they be competitive when the Israeli worker produces so much less than his American or European, not to mention Japanese counterpart?

The government is the "patron" of both the huge service sector, and the smaller productive one. And it is no bloated capitalist, but a bunch of politicians, generally misguided, aided by a huge army of civil servants.

The government can meet workers' wage demands by consuming the development funds flowing to Israel; printing money and thus fanning inflation, or imposing taxes. But taxes are so high today that about a third of the economy has already gone underground, forcing the two-thirds above ground to bear the whole tax burden.

WHAT ARE the main excuses for wage demands?

The primary one is, undoubtedly, jealousy. Somebody else is getting something. And if he deserves a fatter pay slip, then I certainly do. The ability to get higher pay functions in direct ratio to blackmailing pressure, not any contribution to the economy.

And even after the higher pay is received, increased taxes and inflation rob it of all value. This is the main reason so many Israelis eye the U.S. with envy. Not because work conditions there are so much better, but because the more you produce, the more you have. U.S. income tax is simply not punitive.

The tax bite in Israel, on the other hand, is so destructive that Nissim Baruch, the new director-general of the Finance Ministry, once suggested doing away with income tax altogether. And two political parties are running for election on platforms calling for this very step. Only by abolishing, or greatly reducing, income tax can the output-pay link be re-established.

The second reason for wage demands is that the individual (or sector) feels he (or it) is not getting paid enough. This is an excellent reason; but has there ever been anyone who thought he was getting enough? The strangest thing is that few people have the slightest idea how much other sectors are making. Pay slips are rarely shown around; when they are, there is seldom mention of the various perks, like generous expense accounts, and 13th and 14th month wages.

The third reason for demanding higher pay is that "real" wages (i.e. purchasing power) are being eroded by inflation.

But who actually knows how much he is earning? The shekel has no meaning today; it drops in purchasing power between the time the

computer punches out the pay cheque and the time it is delivered the same day. And even if a person goes to the trouble of figuring out his salary in dollars, he has no way of knowing how much he is paying for goods, since price tags grow before his very eyes.

There are always ups and downs in the timing of wage demands. We are now in an "up"; a pre-election period is always a good time to issue a challenge. The incumbent government, (now the Likud, but it has happened with the Alignment), softens its resistance.

After all, it does want to win the elections, and today's pay hike can be taken away after the elections, by inflation, taxes, or cutting the subsidies on basic food commodities.

And the opposition, which wants to win the elections itself always supports the workers, tacitly, if not openly, in their "just" demands.

The Alignment knows, as does the Likud, that it's all just a game; if it returns to power, it too will find some way to take back all these pre-election goodies.

Were it otherwise, the Alignment would not be screaming so loudly for wage hikes, while at the same time castigating the Likud for wasting money with its huge expenditure, which it (justly) claims is leading the country into economic disaster.

One can, in fact, draw a parallel between the timing of wage demands and elections, and with the wailing of the scientific community. Every scientist claims he is on the threshold of a breakthrough just as his funds are running out.

IS THERE any solution to the present mess?

Since there is small chance that the government will stop being both supreme employer and supreme regulator of funds in the near future, the Histadrut could take a radical step: it should simply tell its members that wage hike will not be linked to elections, but to productivity. (Gad Ya'acobi, the Alignment candidate for the post of finance minister, recently made such a proposal.)

The Histadrut should not try to fight to shift manpower from air conditioned offices to the factories and fields (even if the Histadrut's members who are clerks greatly outnumber the production workers); it should also tell its members that rights and responsibilities go hand in hand.

In other words: a decent day's wages for a decent day's work.

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READERS' LETTERS

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN ISRAEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir: - On my recent visit to Israel, I was disappointed to learn that scientific research was slowing down in Israeli universities, and that higher education in general was being hampered as a result of the major curtailment of government support.

As a scientist with experience of the long and laborious process that starts in the classroom and finally ends in scientific achievement, I feel compelled to bring to your attention the grave consequences for Israel's economy and security that a continuation of this situation would entail.

A break in the continuing process of scientific education and research

will have an impact for years to come. I should hope that Israeli authorities are aware of the extent to which Israel has enjoyed pre-eminence in many fields, and particularly security, as a direct result of its superior educational system and firm dedication to the pursuit of knowledge.

I must also point out that Israel's hostile neighbours, which already enjoy superiority in population, material resources and territory, will not mark time while Israel's scientific advancements diminish. The Arab world will eagerly grasp the opportunity to gain advantages it could never attain while Israel was actively supporting advanced education and scientific research.

I call upon the Israeli authorities to urgently reconsider this situation. I believe that, despite the economic difficulties, the highest priority must be given to safeguarding the prominence that has so far ensured survival and provided hopes for prosperity.

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3. Groceries and supermarkets will be open until 10.00 a.m.
4. Communications services.
5. Water and electricity utilities.
6. The supply and transport of fuels.
7. Theatres, cinemas and other entertainment establishments.
8. The press.
9. Transport of fruit, vegetables and milk products, from 5.00 p.m. on elections day.
10. Baking and transport of bread.
11. All emergency and rescue services.

Workers in all the above sectors must be given a convenient and adequate break, to enable them to vote.

Gavriel Bach
Supreme Court Judge
Chairman, Central Committee -
Eleventh Knesset Elections